

## LOK SABHA

### List of Questions for ORAL ANSWERS

Thursday, July 27, 2017/Shravana 5, 1939 (Saka)

(Ministries of Civil Aviation; Coal; Drinking Water and Sanitation; Mines; New and Renewable Energy; Panchayati Raj; Power; Road Transport and Highways; Rural Development; Shipping; Textiles; Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation; Youth Affairs and Sports)

(नागर विमानन; कोयला; पेयजल और स्वच्छता; खान; नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा; पंचायती राज; विद्युत; सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग; ग्रामीण विकास; पोत परिवहन; वस्त्र; जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण; युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्रालय)

Total Number of Questions — 20

#### Inland Waterways

\*161. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the present implementation status of the Inland Vessels (Prevention and Control of Pollution and Protection of Inland Water) Rules, 2016 in the country;

(b) the details of the projects under execution for expeditious transportation of cargo and passengers and development of tourism through inland waterways across the country;

(c) whether the Government has worked out a plan to encourage the use of waterways for being more economical, customer friendly and smooth movement of goods and passengers and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to boost shipping tourism in the country particularly from Mumbai to Elephanta Cave, Kolkata to Ganga Sagar and Dwarka Section; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for modernization of major Ports for easy and smooth movement of goods?

#### Indian Bridge Management System

\*162. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:  
SHRI B. SRIRAMULU:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched the Indian Bridge Management System (IBMS) to create data base/

inventory of all bridges and culverts in the country as part of steps to avert mishaps and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has completed safety audit of 1.6 lakh bridges in the country under IBMS and found 147 structures in dilapidated condition;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the list of such bridges/structures, States/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has introduced new technologies like nano/laser sensors, radars, intra ray drones, etc., for monitoring and inspection of bridges in real time if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard till date; and

(e) whether the Government has unveiled nationwide campaign 'Safe India' to sensitize people about responsible use of mobile phones while on the road and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Ahmedabad-Vadodara Expressway**

\*163. SHRI VINOD  
LAKHAMASHI  
CHAVDA:  
SHRI DEVUSINH  
CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds invested in the construction of Ahmedabad-Vadodara expressway;

(b) the amount of investment recovered so far by way of toll;

(c) whether the amount invested on construction of said expressway is being

recovered in terms of vehicles or years;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the criteria/norms adopted for the purpose; and

(e) whether the construction of said expressway is fully completed and if not, the reasons for charging toll fee by the company?

#### **Gal-Mobile Desalination Plant**

\*164. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of DRINKING  
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with Israel to jointly develop Gal-Mobile, a mobile desalination plant;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government plans to import plant and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the manner in which the said technology/plant is likely to help the country in providing safe drinking water?

#### **Underpasses on NHs**

†\*165. SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of underpasses on the National Highways (NHs) in the country, State-wise;

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(b) whether the Government proposes to construct new underpasses while constructing six lane National Highways; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the number of underpasses constructed from 2010 till date, NH-wise?

#### **Financial Support to Weavers/Artisans**

\*166. SHRIMATI KAVITHA  
KALVAKUNTALA:

Will the Minister of TAXILES  
वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are schemes which financially support Weavers/Artisans in the handloom sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

#### **Swachh Bharat Mission—Gramin**

\*167. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA  
BAMA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING  
WATER AND SANITATION  
पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated/released to the State Government of Tamil Nadu under Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G) during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the funds allocated to the State are sufficient to carry out SBM-G effectively and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the role of Non-Governmental Organisations and public/private sector in promoting and executing the SBM;

(d) the role of electronic and print media in creating awareness on SBM and its effectiveness; and

(e) the total expenditure incurred on advertisements for SBM in electronic and print media during the said period?

#### **Monitoring of PMGSY**

\*168. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH  
JOSHI:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to use Remote Sensing and Geographical Information System in planning and monitoring of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and if so, the details thereof along with the time line for the same and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government also proposes to use non-conventional materials/green technology for cost and time saving in road building and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has launched any Mobile Application based Quality Monitoring System for transparent public grievance redressal and Social Audit of PMGSY; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Monitoring Committee for Ganga River**

†\*169. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to award rigorous imprisonment and heavy fine for the offenders found guilty of polluting the Ganga river;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which this provision is likely to be made;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to constitute any monitoring committee or sign an agreement with the Ganga Basin States for pollution prevention and rejuvenation of river Ganga; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Production of Renewable Energy**

\*170. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production of renewable energy in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that in many States/Union Territories, the renewable

energy produced could not be utilized for want of grid connectivity;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to speed up grid connectivity for optimal utilization of renewable energy produced in the country?

**National Sports Federations**

†\*171. SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA: SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any case of alleged violation of prescribed norms relating to age, tenure and election of office bearers in various National Sports Federations (NSFs) in the country have come to the notice of the Government during the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon and the outcome thereof, NSF-wise;

(c) whether the Government is aware of any case of alleged mismanagement in various NSFs during the said period and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon, NSF-wise;

(d) the details of guidelines issued/enacted following a Public Interest Litigation on the issue along with the implementation status thereof; and

(e) the outcome of implementation of these guidelines?

†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

**Procurement of Aircraft for  
Air India**

\*172. SHRIMATI SANTOSH  
AHLAWAT:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL), which has an equity base of only Rs. 145 crore, made a commitment to pay Rs. 44,000 crore for procuring 111 new aircraft;

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

(c) whether any scam/irregularities allegedly in the procurement of aircraft for Air India has come to the notice of the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Fast Tag Lanes**

†\*173. DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR  
RAY:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether fast tag lanes set up at toll plazas of National Highways often remain out of order and toll operating companies deliberately resort to such practices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to equip each lane of toll plazas with fast tag;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**User Development Fee**

\*174. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the sudden and unilateral decision by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) to increase the 'User Development Fee' (UDF) for outgoing passengers from Thiruvananthapuram Airport and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is aware that neither of the two other major international airports in proximity, namely Kochi Nedumbassery and Calicut Airports charges such a fee and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to review the decision of AAI to increase the UDF, for Thiruvananthapuram airport given that most of the passengers who use this airport are low wage income earners who work in the Gulf to provide vital income back home; and

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

**Development of Green/Solar Cities**

†\*175. SHRI PARBHUBHAI  
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:  
PROF. RICHARD HAY:

Will the Minister of NEW AND  
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of green/solar cities developed/proposed to be developed under the 'Development of Solar Cities

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Programme' in the country including Gujarat;

(b) the details of the funds sanctioned/ allocated/utilised for the said purpose so far, State/UT-wise;

(c) the targets set and achievements made under the said Programme along with the reasons for not achieving the targets set under the Programme;

(d) whether the Government is considering to introduce some changes in the said Programme and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has received any complaint regarding misuse of funds allocated under this Programme, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the action taken in this regard, State/UT-wise?

#### **Operation of Flights to USA**

\*176. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:  
SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India has announced its first direct flight from Hyderabad and Delhi to Washington DC;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Air India proposes to expand its base in the USA by adding Los Angeles and Houston into its roster; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **National Playing Fields Association of India**

\*177. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the key initiatives, progress and achievements of the National Playing Fields Association of India during the last three years and the current year; and

(b) the number of meetings held by its Governing Body during the said period along with the actions taken as a result thereof?

#### **Air Connectivity**

†\*178. SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:  
SHRI TAMRADHWAJ SAHU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to connect each of the District/Divisional Headquarters in the country by air services;

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

(c) the number of District/Divisional Headquarters in the country linked by air services as of now, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the names of the District/Divisional Headquarters likely to get air links during the next financial year?

#### **Domestic Airlines**

\*179. SHRI MD. BADARUDDOZA  
KHAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of domestic airlines operating in the country;

(b) the names of the airlines, that made profit during the year 2016-2017;

(c) the number of airlines which incurred loss during the year 2016-2017; and

(d) the reasons therefor?

#### **Wage Revision under MGNREGS**

†\*180. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to increase the wages of workers under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the wages under MGNREGS is decided by the State Governments or Union Government and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of proposals received so far to increase the wages of workers and the number of times the wages have been increased, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the time by which wages are likely to be increased on the recommendations of the Mahendra Dev Committee of 2014?

NEW DELHI;

July 21, 2017

*Ashadha 30, 1939 (Saka)*

ANOOP MISHRA

*Secretary General*

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### Total Number of Questions — 230

#### Package for Distressed Power Plants

1841. SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has evolved a rescue package for distressed power plants of Tatas, Adani and Essar groups; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the financial status of these plants at present?

#### MoU on Gender Equality

†1842. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has accorded approval for the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

between India and the United Nations Entity of Gender Equality and the Empowerment of woman (UN-Women), and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this MoU seeks to provide technical assistance to enhance the capacity of good governance in Panchayati Raj Institutions and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the salient points on which both the parties have agreed upon?

#### National Social Assistance Programme

†1843. DR. KRISHAN PRATAP:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is implementing the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) through various schemes so that various categories in society including the differently abled

are able to get social assistance and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the number of differently abled persons covered under the said programme, State/UT-wise and Scheme-wise;

(c) the amount of funds disbursed thereunder during each of the last three years and the current year, Year-wise and State/UT-wise;

(d) the norms for selection of differently abled persons for grant of benefits under the said programme;

(e) whether the Government proposes to lower the eligibility criteria from 80 percent disability to 10 percent disability and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the number of persons likely to be benefited thereby?

#### Implementation of Bio-fuel Scheme

†1844. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to implement the Bio-fuel scheme;

(b) if so, whether the Government is contemplating to take any action in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the time-frame for the same?

#### Employment Generation

1845. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reforms initiated by the Government to boost employment generation and exports in the made-ups manufacturing sector are successful;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the future plans/proposals before the Government in this regard;

(c) the details of fund allocation and utilization under the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme(TUFS) during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(d) whether the TUFS is offering a subsidy of additional 10 percent for made-ups and if so, the details thereof?

#### Construction of Roads under CRF

†1846. SHRI ANANTKUMAR HEGDE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an average of 80,000 crore rupees per annum is collected as Central Road Fund (CRF) from the common consumer on the sale of diesel and petrol in the country;

(b) if so, the facts thereof along with the details of ratio of allocation of amount from this fund for construction of rural roads, State-roads, railways tracks, bridges and National Highways as per the present arrangement;

(c) whether there is any proposal to bring any change in the said arrangement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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### Schemes other than MGNREGS for Employment Generation

†1847. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to provide employment to the workers in villages particularly during non-agricultural season under the schemes other than Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS);

(b) the details of the other schemes implemented long before the implementation of MGNREGS and were also implemented during the last three years; and

(c) the total number of beneficiaries under these schemes during the past two and half years, Year-wise?

### Waste-to-Energy Plants

†1848. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:  
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:  
KUMARI SHOBHA  
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of operational waste-to-energy plants in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the quantum/volume of municipal solid waste/effluents utilized/processed per day in these plants and the quantum of electricity generated therefrom;

(c) whether the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model has been adopted for the functioning of these plants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Universal coverage of NSAP

1849. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR  
SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes for universal coverage of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) on the basis of Socio-Economic and Caste Census;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for early implementation of the recommendations of the Sumit Bose Expert Committee?

### Privatisation of Dredging Corporation of India Ltd.

1850. SHRI PRABHAKAR  
REDDY KOTHA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to privatise Dredging Corporation of India Limited (DCIL);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

### Development of Aviation Infrastructure

1851. SHRI DUSHYANT  
CHAUTALA:  
DR. A. SAMPATH:  
SHRI R.  
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Air Transport Association (IATA) has informed that privatisation of airports and aviation infrastructure in India has “failed to deliver” the benefits and the passengers and the economy have continued to suffer high costs, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether as per the report of IATA, the Government has suffered loss due to the privatization of the airports infrastructure and maintenance of the same and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) is seeking more funds from the Government to develop airports to keep pace with the robust growth that is expected to take place in the sector;

(d) if so, the details of the funds AAI has spent on the development of airports during the last three years, airport-wise;

(e) whether the Government has taken up the expansion of such infrastructure at Madurai airport also and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the present status of developmental works undertaken/being undertaken by the Government at Madurai Airport under the Regional Air Connectivity Scheme?

### MGNREGS

1852. SHRI PARTHA PRATIM  
RAY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided to various States, under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) during the last three years, State/UT-wise including West Bengal;

(b) the number of workers benefited/likely to be benefited under MGNREGS during the last and the current year in various States, State/UT-wise and Gender-wise;

(c) the number of days for which employment is provided under the said scheme at present along with the wages fixed, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether any State or States are not been able to spend the allocated funds under MGNREGS and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

### Flood through Rivers Flowing from Nepal to India

†1853. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether progress of Jalkundi project on rivers flowing from Nepal to India has not gone beyond survey level as ratio of cost and profit was not favourable;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether no solution has been made till date to the flood caused in India by the rivers flowing from Nepal; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard?

### **Allotment of Krishna River Water**

1854. SHRI GUTHA SUKENDER REDDY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Telangana has requested the Brijesh Kumar Tribunal to give importance to Krishna basin projects first in allotment of Krishna river water;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the response of the Tribunal thereto; and

(d) the stand of the Union Government in this regard?

### **Modes of Delivery for Highway Projects**

1855. SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of road projects have reached the financial closure during the last three years and the current year so far;

(b) the types of modes of delivery, e.g. Hybrid annuity Model, BOT etc., for implementing the highway projects currently in use;

(c) whether it is a fact that there are some challenges faced by the Government in such modes and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to meet these challenges?

### **Sports Bodies**

1856. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has given any direction not to engage politicians in the administration of various sports bodies/federations in the country;

(b) if so, the details and present implementation status thereof;

(c) the steps taken so far to disengage politicians from various sports bodies federations;

(d) whether the Government has noticed that a number of State Governments have nominated ruling political party workers in their sports bodies/federations; and

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

### **World Water Council Survey**

1857. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Water Council in its survey has stated that Indian Government need to lead the fight to make global access to drinking water and sanitation a reality;

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

(c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken on the basis of the outcome/recommendations of the survey?

### **Proposals from Maharashtra**

1858. SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received from the Government of Maharashtra for development of sports activity during the last three years and the estimated expenditure involved therein, scheme-wise;

(b) the details of proposals which are pending for approval along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any time-limit has been stipulated for disposal of proposals;

(d) whether the extended delay in the execution of proposals hampers the development work and leads to cost overrun; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the manner in which such cost overrun is adjusted by the Government?

### **Revival of Ponds**

†1859. SHRI NATUBHAI GOMANBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started or proposes to start revival of ponds in the country keeping in view the scarcity of water;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the States in which ponds are being reconstructed and old ponds are being revived; and

(c) the number of the ponds revived and the expenditure incurred thereon so far?

### **Silk Production**

1860. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of sericulture in the country;

(b) the rank of India in silk production in the world;

(c) whether Andhra Pradesh is the second largest producer of silk in the country and contributes nearly 20% of country's total silk production; and

(d) if so, the manner in which the Government is encouraging Andhra Pradesh to produce and export more silk in order to benefit sericulture farmers?

### Piped Water Supply to Villages under SAGY

†1861. KUNWAR SARVESH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of providing piped water supply to all the villages covered under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) in the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether piped water supply has not been provided so far to all the villages covered under SAGY even after the completion of its first phase and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the alternative scheme of the Government, if any, to provide piped water supply to the villages covered under the said scheme?

### Charging Points for Electric Vehicles

1862. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of existing charging points for electric vehicles and their location;

(b) whether the existing charging points are below the requirement, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether proposal for setting up of more charging stations is under consideration of the Government and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government proposes to award the job to some public sector undertakings like National Thermal Power Corporation Ltd. (NTPC) or contract the same to private sector and if so, the details thereof?

### World Bank Loan for Solar Projects

†1863. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:  
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any loan has been offered by the World Bank for solar projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of the pacts signed in this regard;

(c) the details of the projects selected for the assistance by the World Bank, State-wise;

(d) the extent to which the desired targets are likely to be achieved by the aforesaid loan;

(e) the objectives and salient features of the International Solar Alliance; and

(f) whether India has become a global leader of the 21 members of the U.N.O. draft convention on climate change in the implementation of the commitments made in the 21st conference in Paris and if so, the details thereof?

### Stalled Highway Projects

1864. SHRIMATI MAUSAM NOOR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to re-bid some of the stalled highway projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such projects and the loans provided by banks for these projects;

(c) whether banks are reluctant to finance these projects again; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Share Buyback Plan of CIL

1865. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) has said that it would not go ahead with the proposed share buyback plan worth Rs.1,001.88 crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this decision was taken on the basis of company's financial record as on 31.12.2016; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Coal Fired Plants

1866. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given more time to coal fired power plants to upgrade;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the old polluting plants have to be replaced with super-critical and super-efficient plants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Development of NHs

1867. SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plan has been formulated for the development of National Highways (NHs) in Rajasthan during the financial year 2016-17;

(b) if so, the amount allocated for the extension, renovation and maintenance of National Highways in Madhya Pradesh during the current financial year; and

(c) the details of the names of the highways on which the said amount is likely to be spent?

### Sale of Coal by CIL

1868. SHRI P.K. BIJU:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) is struggling to sell all the coal it currently produces;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the target set for sale of coal by CIL during the current financial year and the achievements made till date?

### Grant of Funds

1869. DR. BOORA NARSAIAH GOUD:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the grants released under various Schemes of the Ministry during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the said grants were released on time during the said period; and

(c) if so, the details of the grants released and the expenditure incurred during the said period, State/UT and scheme-wise?

### Allocation of Coal

†1870. SHRI ARJUN LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether different types of coal are allotted by the Government to various coal using sectors in the country;

(b) if so, the details of type of coal allotted to Hindustan Zinc Limited, Zawar mines; and

(c) the quantum of coal allotted to Hindustan Zinc Limited during the last three years and the current year along with the revenue earned therefrom?

### Airports without Flight Operations

†1871. SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:  
SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports/airstrips in the country at present which are not being used or operationalised without flights, State/UT-wise;

(b) the loss of revenue that the Government has accrued/likely to accrue because of non-operationalisation of flights;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to make all such airports operational by introducing flights from there;

(d) whether the Government has adopted any process for co-ordination among various States in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the names of the companies which have shown interest in introducing flights from above airports and on such air routes?

### PMGSY in Jharkhand

1872. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction of roads in Jharkhand under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is not going on as per the schedule and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of such roads or projects identified under PMGSY during the last three years and the current year, district-wise;

### Workers in Coal Mines

1875. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the workers who are engaged through contractors in coal mines face problems relating to their Provident Fund Account;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to link Aadhaar number of coal mine workers to their Provident Fund to protect them from exploitation and the time by which the proposal is likely to be implemented;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of workers likely to be benefited by this linking; and

(f) the other measures being taken for the welfare of coal mine workers in the country?

### Target Olympic Podium Scheme

1876. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds allocated and spent on the Target Olympic Podium Scheme, till date;

(b) the criteria adopted for selection of the athletes to qualify for financial support under the scheme; and

(c) the number of athletes who have been shortlisted under the scheme from each State/UT including Andhra Pradesh?

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to remove impediments in this regard; and

(d) the details of the outcome of the action taken thereon?

### Transparent Mechanism for Coal Allocations

1873. SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has approved a transparent mechanism for coal allocations, securing supplies of the fuel for stranded power projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the salient features of the transparent mechanism for the said purpose?

### Drinking Water Sources

1874. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated Hydro-Geo Morphological Maps to locate the drinking water sources;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to curtail the pollution in drinking water sources?

### Inspection of Cargo Vessels

1877. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR  
HANSDAK:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure for inspection of cargo vessels transporting goods outside and inside the country;

(b) whether any guidelines/directives are followed while inspecting the cargo vessels and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of alleged violations of above guidelines/directives noticed/detected by the Indian Register of Shipping/ Government during each of last three years and the current year along with the actions taken thereon; and

(d) the outcome of action taken against those found guilty of such violations?

### Ganga Cleaning Projects

1878. SHRI PREM DAS RAI:

Will the Minister of WATER  
RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT  
AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of major projects undertaken to clean Ganga river during the last three years;

(b) the funds allocated/released/spent and the outcome achieved thereunder; and

(c) the details of progress made in terms of cleaning the river so far?

### Permanent Land Patta

1879. SHRI SISIR KUMAR  
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 90 per cent of the natives of North-Eastern States do not possess permanent land 'patta' and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether in Assam the land is owned by non-natives of the State and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether many people of the said States who had lost the property during the earthquake of 1950 and during British era now had no documents or land therefor and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there is any proposal of the Government to protect the rights of the original dwellers and to resettle the landless families who are originally from North-Eastern States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### Land Acquisition

†1880. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL  
RAM:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether approximately 40 crore rupees have been allocated by the Government of India and an amount of 35 crore rupees has been deposited with Deputy Commissioner of Palamu District for road construction work, but it is pending for want of land acquisition;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be cleared?

### Downgraded Mines under CIL

1881. SHRI HUKUM SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mines under Coal India Limited (CIL) have been downgraded; and

(b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

### Expressway between Raipur and Visakhapatnam

1882. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has committed to develop expressway between Raipur and Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal has been received from Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the status of the expressway at present and the funds allocated for the same during the last three years?

### Losses of SEBs

1883. SHRI RAJENDRA  
AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether several State Electricity Boards (SEBs) are incurring commercial losses;

(b) if so, the details of the loss suffered by each SEB during each of the last three years and the current year along with the reasons therefor, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether any Working Group has been constituted by the Government to look into the issue;

(d) if so, the details and the findings thereof; and

(e) the corrective measures taken by the Government thereon?

### Targets for Olympics-2020

†1884. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD  
MISHRA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set any target of winning medals in the Olympics-2020;

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

(c) the action plan prepared by the Government in this regard; and

(d) the details of annual budget allocated specifically for the purpose?

### Pending Liabilities under MGNREGS

1885. SHRI RAM CHARITRA  
NISHAD:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether civil right groups have demanded resources for Mahatma Gandhi

National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) to provide work on demand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether 22 out of 34 States had negative balance with a total of Rs. 3,469 crore as pending liabilities and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to increase the allocation made under MGNREGS; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **DGCA Guidelines for Airlines**

1886. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION नागर विमानन मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued fresh guidelines for airlines to address communication lag while pilots are taking controlled rest during the flight;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the guidelines have been issued in the wake of two incidents of radio communication failure involving two airlines in the European airspace recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Construction of Houses under PMAY-G**

1887. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of rural houses that have been constructed under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) since its inception in the State of Maharashtra, year-wise;

(b) whether the building materials utilised to build houses are durable and if so, the design and materials being used to build the houses;

(c) whether the Government has taken into consideration the issue of natural disasters destroying rural households while constructing houses through PMAY-G; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the solution for the same?

#### **Status of Rupsi Airport**

1888. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Rupsi Airport near Dhubri, Assam to be reopened for civil and army air operations;

(b) whether this is a long pending demand of people of Assam as this airport would cater to the need of the people of North Bengal, Cooch Behar etc.; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time which by this airport would be ready for operation?

#### **Operation of Air India Flight by Women Crew**

1889. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether an all women crew of Air India has created history by operating a flight around the world ahead of International Women's Day;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the crew members had operated a non-stop flight from Delhi to San Francisco and back with 250 passengers on board; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Land Scam in NTC**

†1890. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has filed an FIR regarding Rs. 1700 crore land scam in the National Textiles Corporation (NTC);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the progress made in this regard so far; and

(d) whether the culprits have been identified and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Coal Imports**

1891. SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal imports dropped this year when compared to the last three years; and

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

#### **Air Safety**

†1892. SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL: SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is acute shortage of necessary technical expertise or people or basic infrastructure to get the rules and regulations implemented to monitor the air safety in the country and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether India has been ranked even behind Pakistan and Sri Lanka *i.e.* at 55th place among 185 countries with regard to air safety perspective and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India is one of the countries in the World's fastest growing aviation market but the country's skies are getting increasingly unsafe as the air traffic grows and cabin crew of Indian carriers are facing regulatory action for various safety violations;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is planning to introduce full automation of On Time Performance (OTP) recording mechanism at airports; and

(f) if so, the details of airports, where the OTP system is made available across the country?

### **Pending Road Projects under PMGSY**

1893. SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of road projects sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in Uttar Pradesh, project-wise;

(b) whether the completion of several road projects sanctioned under PMGSY have been delayed;

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

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for completion of the projects in a time bound manner in the said State, project-wise?

### **Technology Mission on Cotton**

1894. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to revamp Technology Mission on Cotton; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and progress made thereon?

### **Digitalisation Route for Land Acquisition**

1895. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to take digital route to speed up land acquisition, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any portal has been launched for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

### **Scheduled Flight Operations**

1896. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Airports Authority of India (AAI) manages 125 aerodromes including 25 civil enclaves and defence airfields, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether from December 2016, scheduled flights operation was supposed to be allowed only after certification by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) in regard to safety, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the set deadline has been extended to Decemeber, 2017;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the number of issues still to be sorted out between Defence Ministry and Civil Aviation Ministry; and

(f) the time by which these issues are likely to be sorted out and final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

### **Over Burden Dump for UMPP**

1897. SHRI GANESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken initiatives to transfer 414 hectares of land to Sasan Power Limited (SPL) for Over Burden (OB) dump area of captive coal blocks of Sasan Ultra Mega Power Project (UMPP) in district Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh;

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

(c) whether the Government has approved the proposal submitted by Sasan Power Limited for permission to use the land on temporary basis for OB dump purpose without transferring rights to it and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the delay in transfer of land will result in less electric production in the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

### **Decline in Net Profit of CIL**

1898. DR. K. GOPAL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited (CIL) has reported a 22 per cent decline in consolidated net profit at Rs. 2,884.4 crore for the third quarter ended December 31, 2016 and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the net profit was Rs. 3718 crore in the same quarter of the previous fiscal and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the company's total income rose to Rs. 21,531.2 crore in the quarter under review from Rs. 20,928.4 crore in the same period a year ago and if so, the details thereof?

### **Demand for Power by various Sectors**

†1899. SHRI LAKHAN LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of demand and supply of power to domestic, agricultural and industrial sectors in the country, State/ UT-wise;

(b) whether the demand of power is increasing rapidly in the said sectors and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study has been conducted to identify the necessity of power in the said sectors in the country in future and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to fulfil the necessity of power in the said sectors; and

(e) the quantum of electricity likely to be provided by the central sector power plants to the industrial and agricultural sector during the next two years, State/ UT-wise?

### **Schemes to PRIs**

†1900. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:



(a) the details of the schemes being implemented to strengthen Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs);

(b) the details of funds allocated/sanctioned and utilized for these schemes during the last two years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to strengthen and to delegate more powers to Panchayati Raj Institutions; and

(d) the extent to which the Panchayati Raj Institutions have been successful in achieving their set objectives?

#### **Swachh Bharat Mission**

1901. SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the items of work undertaken in Chhattisgarh under Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G);

(b) the number of people who have been benefited under SBM-G in the State; and

(c) the items of works pending under SBM-G till now and the time by which these items of works are likely to be completed in the State?

#### **Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2017**

†1902. SHRI JANARDAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the main provisions of Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2017;

(b) the potential benefits of this Bill being enacted into an Act; and

(c) the other development efforts being made by the Government in transport sector?

#### **Expansion of Air Services**

†1903. SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH BHOLE:  
SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide air connectivity to Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh from various cities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government for expansion of air services in Kanpur;

(d) whether the Government proposes to make Kolhapur airport in Maharashtra operational and start flight services from there;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the facilities available at the airport at present; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government for expansion of Kolhapur airport?

#### **Use of Water in Public Toilets**

1904. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:  
SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level committee under the chairmanship of Dr. R.A. Mashelkar has been constituted which reviews periodically the new technologies for minimum use of water in public toilets; and

(b) if so, the details of the achievements made to promote new innovative technologies in this regard?

#### **Mohanpura Project**

†1905. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of work completed till date in regard to Mohanpura project in Rajgarh region of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government has set any time limit for the completion of this project and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

#### **Development of Cracks on Ground**

1906. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware about incidents of long widespread cracks developed on the ground in various parts of North India including Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Geological Survey of India (GSI) has conducted any study and

submitted report in this regard and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is urgent need for taking long term necessary corrective measures to avoid any major disaster in future; and

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

#### **Road Construction in North Eastern Region**

1907. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the need of usage of specialized technology in the construction of roads in the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details of the technology being used currently;

(c) whether the Government has received proposals for improving the condition of the roads in the North Eastern Region, if so, the details of the action taken in this regard; and

(d) whether the Government is considering to invest in technology projects *via* public private partnership projects, if so, the details of the same, along with the estimated cost likely to be incurred?

#### **5/20 Rule under New Aviation Policy**

1908. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

(a) whether the Government proposes to ease the 5/20 rule under new civil aviation policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether several civil aviation companies have also requested the Government to abolish the rule, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the number of domestic flight services would be increased by relaxing the norms of 5/20 rule; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Setting up of Airport in Gujarat**

†1909. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI  
DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has announced or proposes to set up a new international airport in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with its proposed location; and

(c) the steps taken to set up the said airport and start flights from there?

#### **Piped Water Supply**

†1910. SHRI HARISHCHANDRA  
CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of DRINKING  
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of work undertaken to provide piped drinking water supply to 50 per cent population of rural areas of

Maharashtra particularly in Nasik Region;

(b) the number of villages provided with drinking water through the pipe in Nasik Region of Maharashtra till date;

(c) whether each family is getting 40 litre drinking water in this region and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

#### **Power Generation by Coal**

†1911. SHRIMATI NEELAM  
SONKER:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of electricity generation plants in the country which generate electricity using coal;

(b) whether coal produced in the country is of poor quality or inadequate leading to import of coal from abroad and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether imported coal generates more electricity than domestic coal;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons for encouraging the imported coal in place of domestic coal for electricity generation?

#### **Implementation of PMAY-G**

1912. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) is progressing successfully and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of finished pucca houses under the scheme, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the scheme is implemented in all rural areas throughout the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the beneficiary is entitled to avail the services of unskilled MGNREGA workers for 90 days which will be ensured through a server linkage between PMAY and MGNREGS; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Population Norms for Construction of Roads under PMGSY**

1913. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:  
SHRIMATI POONAMBEN  
MAADAM:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the length of road targetted to be constructed per day under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and the actual length of road constructed during the last two financial years and the current year;

(b) the length of roads constructed under PMGSY in rural areas of the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the roads cannot be constructed in villages with low population density due to existing rules of PMGSY and if so, the number of such villages at present, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to relax the norms on population

for construction of roads under PMGSY in villages located in Scheduled Caste dominated areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Maintenance of NHs in Tamil Nadu**

1914. SHRI PR. SENTHIL  
NATHAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has allocated funds for the expansion and maintenance of National Highways (NHs) in the country including Tamil Nadu;

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

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to provide amenities like Hotels, Shopping Centres, food courts, accident recovery centres along the National Highways; and

(d) the funds allocated for the same during the last three years?

#### **Mekedatu Project**

1915. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:  
KUMARI SHOBHA  
KARANDLAJE:

Will the Minister of WATER  
RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT  
AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has submitted a Detailed Project Report (DPR) to the Central Water Commission (CWC) for final clearance for

the Mekedatu Drinking Water and Hydro-electric Project in the Cauvery Basin;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the total cost of the proposed project; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereon and the time by which clearance is likely to be accorded?

### **Strategic Reserve of Water Resources**

1916. SHRIMATI DARSHANA  
VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is considering for creating a strategic reserve of water resources for drinking water in consultation with Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation and the State Governments to overcome from scarcity of drinking water in summer and drought like situation;

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

(c) Whether the Union Government has set up any road-map in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) Whether the Union Government has communicated to the State Governments in this regard during the last three years or is going to issue any advisory and if so, the details thereof?

### **Bomb Hoax Alerts at Airports**

1917. SHRI OM BIRLA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bomb hoax alerts received in aviation sector during the last three years especially by Air India, airport/airline-wise;

(b) the details of investigations that have been undertaken in these cases and number of convictions/penalties imposed thereof, year-wise;

(c) the number of investigating officers available at airports under Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) and whether there has been any shortfall in number of investigating officials under the BCAS, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the estimated loss incurred by airlines/airports due to such fake calls?

### **Black Spots**

1918. SHRIMATI P.K.  
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified road accident black spots on National Highways in the country including the State of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details of black spots on each of the National Highways identified, National Highway-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to remove these spots; and

(d) the status of road accidents, on black spots during the last three years and current year?

### **New Power Plants**

1919. SHRI RAJESHBHAI  
CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received by the Government for setting up of power projects in various States, particularly from Gujarat, during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the number of proposals sanctioned during the above period and those still pending for approval with the Government;

(c) the reasons for pendency of the proposals; and

(d) the time by which these proposals are likely to be approved by the Union Government?

### **Youth Exchange Programmes**

1920. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH  
PATEL:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of International Youth Exchange Programme completed/conducted by the Government in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of Countries/Organizations/Departments and the number of youths who participated in the said programmes in the country and abroad during the said period;

(c) the salient features of BRICS Youth Summit;

(d) the number of delegations which visited the country for the BRICS Youth Summit during the last three years and the current year, country-wise; and

(e) the total expenditure incurred by the Government for conducting the International Youth Exchange Programmes and BRICS Youth Summit during the last six years in the country along with the budgetary allocation for the said programmes during the said period?

### **Sports Infrastructure in Schools and Colleges**

1921. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being implemented for development of sports infrastructure in schools and colleges in the country, State/UT-wise especially in Jharkhand;

(b) the details of funds released to the States/UTs for the purpose during each of last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the details of funds utilized by the States/UTs during the said period, State/UT-wise?

### **Driving Competence Tests**

1922. DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed a steep hike in the fees for the issue and renewal of driving licences for all types of vehicles, if so, the details thereof and the rationale behind doing so;

(b) whether the Government has proposed amendments to the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 for charging separate fees for a driving competency test, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the States have been authorized to charge separate fees for conducting driving competence tests for different categories of vehicles, if so, the details thereof and the reasons behind such an authorization; and

(d) whether the additional revenue generated from such hikes be utilized for any particular activity, if not, the rationale behind such hikes?

### **Sports Infrastructure in Smart Cities**

1923. SHRI KANWAR SINGH TANWAR:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made adequate allocation of funds to provide state-of-the-art Sports arenas and recreation facilities for the youth in the smart city projects across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the experts of foreign companies will be invited for collaboration with Indian companies for construction of such facilities in the smart cities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Exit Policy for the Investors**

1924. SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the road and highway sector in the country is inching its way forward with revival of investors interest taking place in the sector scripting a new architecture of policy and implementation and anticipates the problems and suggest remedies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether significant changes like relaxing of the exit policy for the investors, innovative payment methods based on hybrid annuity and engineering, procurement and construction business models, reviving of stalled project, leasing 104 existing tollable projects to the private companies and global funding agencies allow the road transport and highways a heaven to investors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Cotton Clothes**

1925. SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the States where the use of cotton clothes has increased or decreased during the last three years indicating the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether cotton clothes are more expensive and if so, the details thereof along

with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

### **Increase in Production of Coal**

†1926. SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any new policy to increase the coal production in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to achieve the production target for the coming years 2018, 2019 and 2020 and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has identified mines/projects for production of coal and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is facing any problems to achieve the targets set for production of coal; and

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

### **Monitoring Mechanism under PMAY-G**

1927. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of achievements made under the Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), now rechristened as Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G);

(b) the details of monitoring mechanism in place to oversee the implementation of the Scheme;

(c) whether the Ministry has proposed any changes in stakeholder pattern of PMAY-G for its better implementation and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the procedural constraints faced by the Government thereon?

### **Ban on Petrol and Diesel Vehicles**

1928. SHRI P. KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision regarding banning of petrol and diesel vehicles that are 15 and 10 years old respectively;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is considering the condition of the vehicle before implementing the ban, if so, the details thereof and if not the, reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to protect the owners of the vehicles where condition of the vehicle is very good, including from the point of view of pollution, among others?

### **Funds for Development Projects and Canals**

†1929. SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of funds allocated by the Government for the development projects of the States and canals during the last three years and as on date along with the quantum of funds spent so far;

(b) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed;

(c) the location-wise details of projects in backward and rural areas of the country; and

(d) the current status of these projects?

### **Export Licence**

1930. SHRI DHARAMBIR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to issue new textile export licences for promoting handicraft export to boost the handicraft industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the financial allocation and time-frame in this regard and the manner in which the export licences are likely to boost the handicraft industry?

### **National Ganga Basin Management Corporation**

1931. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to raise an extensive Ganga Volunteer Force and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any Committee has been set up by the Government for the purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which its report is likely to be submitted;

(d) whether it is proposed to set up National Ganga Basin Management Corporation; and

(e) if so, the details along with its proposed functions thereof and the time by which the said corporation is likely to be set up?

### **Indian Textile Industry**

1932. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has planned to encourage Indian Textile industry to make it at par with world standard and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the nature of assistance proposed to be provided to hubs in the country including Panipat in Haryana which is a farmers' textile hub?

### **e-Puraskar**

1933. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is conferring any award called e-Puraskar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the salient features and objectives thereof; and

(d) the details of e-Puraskar awarded to various States/UTs during each of the last three years and the current year?

### **Sports Infrastructure in Schools**

1934. SHRI D.K. SURESH:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that games and sports are considered merely to fill in their leisure hours in the schools in the country and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government is aware that there are a large number of schools which do not have basic infrastructure for games and sports and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to make games and sports an integral part of our education system and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure that all the schools have basic infrastructure for games and sports in the country?

### **Construction of Foot Overbridge on NH1**

†1935. SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to construct foot overbridge at Kundli in Sonapat on National Highway No.1;

(b) if so, the time by which this foot overbridge is likely to be operational;

(c) whether any time schedule has been fixed for it; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### **Proposal for Indian Sports Service**

1936. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce Indian Sports Service to streamline the sports administration in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

### **Water Conservation and Management**

†1937. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposals for water conservation and management from various States including Rajasthan during the last two years and the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any policy for harvesting, conservation and management of water and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds allocated for this purpose to various States particularly Rajasthan during the said period, State and year-wise?

#### **Status of Swachh Bharat Mission**

1938. SHRI ANSHUL VERMA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) and the extent to which it has been implemented successfully;

(b) whether the SBM is facing socio-political resistance in sidestepping the inhuman and illegal practice of manual scavenging and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the funds provided to various States under SBM during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

#### **Wind Energy Plants**

†1939. SHRI HARISH CHANDRA  
ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wind energy plants functional in the country as on date and the quantum of electricity being produced from them, State-wise;

(b) the financial assistance provided by the Government to each of the States for setting up of these plants during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government has received proposals from the various State Governments for setting up of these plants in their States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

#### **Linking of Coastal Cities**

1940. SHRI MULLAPPALLY  
RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government/Central Inland water Transport Corporation Limited proposes to link various coastal cities across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of cities identified for this purpose; and

(d) the timeframe set for implementation of the said proposal?

#### **Renovation of Roads in Assam**

1941. SHRI RADHESHYAM  
BISWAS:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Works Department (PWD) of Assam has sought any assistance from the Union Government for renovation of roads;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of roads for which proposals have been received; and

(c) the details of the funds sanctioned for the said purpose?

#### **Chabahar Port**

1942. ADV. CHINTAMAN  
NAVASHA WANAGA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to operate Chabahar Port in Iran and another port in Bangladesh for transportation of goods and other purposes;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which these ports are likely to be operated by the Government;

(c) whether the Government proposes to use these two ports for defence related matters also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Security Measures along National and State Highways**

1943. SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed the increasing rate of brutal rape incidents on National and State Highways in various parts of the country;

(b) whether the Government is ready to strengthen the security in various National and State Highways to ensure safety for women travellers, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any measures to ensure police and security patrolling in National Highways to prevent attacks against commuters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Incentives to SHGs**

†1944. SHRI HARINARAYAN  
RAJBHAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to make deduction in the interest rate on advance money given to the Self Help Groups (SHGs) for running their enterprise;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to provide a few other incentives as shelter/gumtee to the said groups for running their enterprise; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### New Schemes/Programmes for Solar Power

1945. SHRI DILIP PATEL:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started new schemes and programmes for taking the solar power to the common people;

(b) if so, the details in this regard including the component of subsidy therein; and

(c) the manner in which the benefits under these schemes are likely to be availed by the people?

### Investment in Mining Sector

†1946. SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking any initiative to attract huge investment in the mining sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

### Technical Problem in A320 Neo Aircraft

1947. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the engine issues connecting aircraft A320 Neo would not have an impact on aircraft deliveries in India, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Airbus had informed the Government that it is working to fix teething trouble in A320 Neo aircrafts; and

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

### Conventional Energy

1948. SHRI A.  
ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the electricity production from conventional energy was unchanged in February 2017 as compared with the same month last year and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the electricity from thermal power plants slipped marginally, but it remained the main source of electricity catering to more than 92% of the country's total supply and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the power generation was achieved with a total monitored capacity of about 265 GW; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Electrification of Villages

1949. SHRI DIBYENDU  
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has electrified more than 700 villages where there is no single habitation;

(b) if so, the reasons for spending money in villages which have no habitation;

(c) the expenditure incurred for joining grids with such villages, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the present status of the 'power to all' project in the country?

### Utilization of Funds under DRIP

1950. SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Karnataka seeking financial assistance under the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether financial assistance has been provided by the Union Government for the purpose;

(c) if so, the funds allocated/released/ utilized during the said period, project-wise; and

(d) whether all the projects have been completed/are being completed as per the schedule and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Sanitation Workers

†1951. SHRI RAJESH VERMA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to enact a law for appointment of sanitation workers in all the Gram Sabhas under the Swachh Bharat Mission;

(b) if so, the timeframe fixed therefor; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Construction of Toilets

†1952. DR. BANSHILAL  
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the assurance of construction of toilets under Swachh Bharat Mission was given by public sector undertakings and private sectors/corporate houses;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and the investment made by the private sector in this regard;

(c) the State/Union Territory-wise details of number of toilets constructed by the Public Sector Undertakings and private sector/corporate houses during each of the last three years and the current year including Chhattisgarh;

(d) the details of Public Sector Undertakings and private sector/corporate houses not complying with their commitment of the construction of toilets; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto and the directions given by the Government to them in this regard?

#### **PMAY-G in Uttar Pradesh**

†1953. DR. SWAMI SAKSHIJI  
MAHARAJ:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people in Uttar Pradesh indentified by the Union Government for providing houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) in the year 2014 along with the financial assistance provided to them seperately;

(b) whether all the beneficiaries in Uttar Pradesh have constructed their houses under the said scheme;

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

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

#### **National Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS)**

1954. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Integrated Power Development Scheme (IPDS) of the Government is progressing successfully;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this scheme will strengthen the transmission and distribution (T&D)

networks, 100 per cent metering of urban areas and smarten it with information technology;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether all the State Governments have joined the Scheme and if so, the details thereof;

(f) the details of fund utilization, State-wise; and

(g) whether the State of Kerala has utilized the allocated funds without much delay and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Allocation under PMKSY**

1955. SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:  
SHRI VINAYAK  
BHAURAO RAUT:  
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH  
MUNDE:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has approved an irrigation scheme called the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this was approved for implementation as an all India scheme with an outlay of Rs. 50,000 crore for five years on an average outlay of Rs. 10,000 crore per year and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the per year allocation for the said scheme has been decreased and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government is now considering it unviable for the farmers; and

(e) if so, the other alternative scheme being considered by the Government in this regard?

#### **Payment of Pension under Social Security Schemes**

1956. SHRI BISHNU PADA RAY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that widow, handicapped and old age pensioners are not getting their pension under the various social security schemes in time and sometimes the payment is delayed for six months in Andaman & Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the details therefor and the reasons thereof along with the response of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the UT Administration has been directed to give topmost priority to pension payment and in case of non-compliance, the concerned officials will be held responsible and severe action be taken against them;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **Energy Security**

1957. SHRI R.P.  
MARUTHARAJA:  
SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to ensure energy security for the development of the economy of the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) the assessment made by the Government about the energy requirement in this regard, State-wise;

(c) whether the country is facing difficulties in ensuring energy security and if so, the details of the "Global Energy Architecture Performance Index Report-2017" of World Economic Forum in this regard;

(d) the rating of India under various indicators of the above mentioned Index; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to make available the minimum quantum of energy required by every citizen of the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

#### **Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana**

†1958. SHRIMATI REKHA  
VERMA:  
SHRIMATI BHAVANA  
PUNDALIKRAO  
GAWALI PATIL:  
DR. KRISHAN PRATAP:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special training programme is being organized under the Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) in the country for the purpose of skill development of youth, State/UT-wise;



(b) the total number of youth or persons trained for skill development in villages under the said scheme, State/UT-wise;

(c) the employment avenues generated for the persons provided skill training in the Saansad Adarsh Grams so far, State/UT-wise;

(d) the details of the various schemes being implemented for skill development and employment generation under the said scheme; and

(e) whether any assessment has been made regarding the economic growth in such villages and if so, the details thereof?

#### Homeless Families in Rural Areas

†1959. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 50 per cent of the total rural population is still deprived of having their own houses in the country as per the report of National Housing Bank;

(b) if so, the number of homeless families in rural areas of the country till date as per the assessment of the Government in this regard, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of houses constructed and allotted by the Government in rural areas of the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the time by which the Government proposes to provide houses to all the homeless families residing in rural areas of the country?

#### Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Kendras

†1960. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Kendras operating in various parts of the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of training programmes being run in these 'Kendras';

(c) the number of youth, in lakhs, who were imparted training in these Kendras till March, 2017, State/UT-wise;

(d) the number of persons who have got employment through these Training Centres during the last two years, State/UT-wise;

(e) whether the training programmes related to Union Ministries and State Government Departments are included in the training imparted in these "Kaushalya Vikas Kendras"; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

#### Implementation of Schemes

†1961. SHRIMATI RANJEET RANJAN:

SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:

SHRI CHANDU LAL

SAHU:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes being implemented by the Government to promote and develop sports in the country specially in the rural areas;

(b) the funds allocated for each discipline of sports under these schemes during the last three years and the current year, year-wise; and

(c) the details of funds utilised under the said schemes during the said period?

#### Shipbuilding Industry

1962. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA

SULE:

SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

SHRI DHANANJAY

MAHADIK:

DR. HEENA

VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:

SHRI MOHITE PATIL

VIJAYSINH

SHANKARRAO:

SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a new shipbuilding, breaking and repair policy with an aim to double the size of the industry to Rs. 20,000 crore by the year 2022;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Indian shipyards have less than 1% share in global shipbuilding and repair market and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up a maritime development fund to financially assist the domestic

shipbuilding industry in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for the growth of Indian Ship-breaking industry?

#### Water Crisis and Rain Water Harvesting

1963. SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री

be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government with regard to preventing water crisis and also to have rain water harvesting all over the country?

#### Safe Drinking Water

1964. SHRIMATI BUTTA RENUKA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Andhra Pradesh where safe drinking water is not available as yet;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to increase the funding for the projects being taken up under the National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) in the State of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether any plan has been prepared for providing safe drinking water for all villages in the State of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the time by which task is expected to be accomplished?

### Wi-Fi Facility on Flights

1965. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:  
SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:  
SHRI CHANDU LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry proposes to allow the use of Wi-Fi in commercial aircrafts operating over Indian territory, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has carried out a study and examination of the security implications of introducing Wi-Fi in commercial aircrafts and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

### Evaluation of WDC-PMKSY

1966. SHRI R. DHURVA  
NARAYANA:  
SHRI ASHOK  
MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT  
ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment or evaluation has been made about the effectiveness of erstwhile Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) and Watershed Development Component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (WDC-PMKSY) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the impact of the said Scheme;

(c) whether the Scheme has helped to conserve precious water resources;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the task of evaluation study/mid-term evaluation has/have been completed and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons of pendency and the targets to be achieved?

### Green Highway Projects

1967. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED  
BASHEER:  
DR. RATNA DE (NAG):  
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:  
DR. KAMBHAMPATI  
HARIBABU:  
SHRI KUNDARIYA  
MOHAN BHAI  
KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS  
सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Green Highway Project is in existence now across the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the present status of the green corridor along National Highways, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has awarded green highway projects to the empanelled agencies for plantation on highways;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the payment system and time limit for the completion of work likely to be done till date;

(e) whether the Government has decided to develop way side amenities along the National Highways; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated and spent during the last three years?

### Incomplete Works under Namami Gange Mission

†1968. DR. BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of WATER  
RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT  
AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the works under Namami Gange Mission are still lying incomplete in Mokama, Barauni, Begusarai, Bhagalpur regions, etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the future plan of the Government in this regard?

### Rain Water Harvesting Schemes

†1969. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI  
TUMANE:  
SHRIMATI REKHA  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of WATER  
RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT  
AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing rain water harvesting schemes in the country;

(b) whether the Government is running any scheme/programme for converting rain water into potable water

and if so, the details thereof and the extent to which rain water is being harvested;

(c) the details of the expenditure incurred by the Government for rain water harvesting to tide over water crisis during the last two years; and

(d) whether any special measures have been taken/are being taken by the Government for rain water harvesting at village and town level during the said period and if so, the details thereof?

### Textile Production

†1970. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is lagging behind Vietnam, China and Bangladesh in terms of textile production and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the current share of Vietnam, China and Bangladesh in comparison to India in textile production in the world;

(c) the product-wise production of various textile products in the country during each of the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to enhance textile production in the country?

### Collection of Toll Tax

1971. SHRI KODIKUNNIL  
SURESH:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the toll collected by the Government on National Highways of the country during the last three years and the current year, State/year-wise;

(b) whether the Government has spent funds on the development of NHs from the said revenue earned during the said period, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some States including Kerala have raised objection to collection of toll from National Highways during the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and consultations undertaken with various stakeholders?

#### **Ground Water Level in Dark Zone Areas**

1972. SHRI D.S. RATHOD:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plans to grant more funds to upgrade the ground water level in the dark zone areas of Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Water Management**

1973. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether India needs to improve its water management regimes across the country to attract foreign investments and technologies and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether India has a big potential for developing water in various sectors including sewerage treatment plants to irrigation for the agricultural sector and the increase of water use in industries;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to harness this potential;

(d) whether current water usage in India is not equitable with some agricultural crops consuming higher rate of water; and

(e) if so, whether there is a need to streamline the usage of water and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

#### **Land Acquisition for Polavaram Project**

1974. SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of land acquired so far for Polavaram Project;

(b) the area of Tribal land acquired for the purpose in each concerned State;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Government has to give one job for each Tribal family; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken to avoid evictions of Tribals and Dalits for such dams across the country?

#### **Reforms in Mining Sector**

†1975. SHRI HARI MANJHI:  
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of MINES

खान मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce certain regulatory reforms in the mining sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these reforms are likely to be implemented?

#### **Ganga Nirikshan Abhiyan**

†1976. SHRIMATI VEENA DEVI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ganga Nirikshan Abhiyan was launched recently to inspect Ganga from Ganga Sagar to Gangotri;

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

(c) the details of observations made during the said abhiyan and the follow up action taken by the Government thereon?

#### **Depletion in Ground Water**

1977. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:  
SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently announced setting up a panel of secretaries to tackle the issue of ground water depletion;

(b) if so, the details and the composition thereof along with the time by which the panel is likely to submit its report to the Government;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps during the past three years to check the depletion of ground water; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the Government has succeeded in curbing depletion of ground water in various parts of the country?

#### **Water Shortage in Reservoirs**

1978. PROF. A.S.R. NAIK:  
SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water reservoirs in the country especially in South States are facing acute shortage of water; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by the Government to tackle the situation?

#### **Ganga River Basin Management Plan-2015**

1979. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION**

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has examined the recommendations of the report on Ganga River Basin Management Plan -2015 submitted by the consortium of Indian Institutes of Technology and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the quantum of the funds spent on cleaning of Ganga river during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government has received any complaints of irregularities in utilization of funds meant of cleaning of Ganga river during the said period and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has received financial assistance from various countries for cleaning of Ganga river during the said period, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government to ensure cleaning of Ganga river in a stipulated time period in the country?

**Inter-linking of Rivers**

1980. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of the inter-linking of rivers project;

(b) whether the Government plans to merge Phalgu river situated in Gaya district of Bihar with Ganga river; and

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the timeframe of the same?

**Agreements for Ganga River Cleaning**

1981. SHRI DEVAJIBHAI G. FATEPARA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has recently signed any agreement with Israel for cleaning of Ganga river; and

(b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof?

**Power Equipments**

†1982. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has increased the capacity of power equipments installed on service roads along the National Highways during the last three years; and

(b) if so, the details of such capacity addition, NH-wise and State-wise?

**Demand/Production of Coal**

†1983. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:  
SHRI SATISH CHANDRA DUBEY:  
DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL "NISHANK":  
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

SHRI KUNWAR  
PUSHPENDRA SINGH  
CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the demand, production and supply of coal in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, company and State-wise;

(b) the quantity of coal exported by Coal India Limited (CIL) during the said period;

(c) whether the CIL is able to meet the demand of coal in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of the storage facility available with CIL for storage of coal;

(e) whether the CIL is not enhancing its installed capacity to meet the domestic demand of coal and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether the Government is considering any long-term policy for making the country self-reliant in the coal sector and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the country is likely to become self-reliant?

**Incidents of Piracy at Sea**

1984. SHRI FEROZE VARUN  
GANDHI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of piracy attempts/incidents at Indian Merchant Vessels along with the number of sailors hijacked during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government has laid down specific guidelines, mechanisms and procedures to prevent piracy attempts at sea and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to prevent piracy attempts at sea?

**Trade Facilitation Centres**

1985. DR. RATNA DE (NAG):  
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to open some High-tech Trade Facilitation Centres in the entire country to boost trade opportunities in the textile sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard; and

(c) the details of the funding pattern and legal set-up in this regard?

**Air India Pilots with Lapsed Licences**

1986. SHRI RAYAPATI  
SAMBASIVA RAO:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Air India pilots flying with lapsed licences;

(b) the action taken on those pilots caught operating flights with lapsed licences;

(c) the measures in place or in vogue to ensure that licence of the pilots are checked at regular intervals to ensure that such incidents do not recur;

(d) the action taken against the officials who allowed this lapse to take place putting the life of air passengers in danger;

(e) whether any action has been initiated against those pilots whose licences have lapsed; and

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

### **Investment in Hydro Power Sector**

1987. SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to form a nodal agency to facilitate investments in the hydro power sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

### **Construction of Greenfield Port**

1988. SHRI Y.V. SUBBA REDDY:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NITI Aayog has finally dropped the idea of constructing a Greenfield Port at Dugarajapatnam in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the public representatives and people have been demanding to take up Ramayapatnam Port in place of Dugarajapatnam for the purpose; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto along with the present status thereof?

### **Water Supply in Toilets**

1989. KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:  
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.  
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether nearly six out of the ten toilets built under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) do not have proper water supply and proper drainage facilities thus making them unusable;

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

(c) the number of new toilets constructed across the country since May, 2014;

(d) whether it is a fact that a large number of people in villages are still opting for open defecation in the absence of water supply and proper drainage in the toilets and if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(e) the corrective steps proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

### **Cuts on Medians**

1990. SHRI M. RAJA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has chalked out any programme to get rid of frequent cuts on the medians of National Highways, the identified stretches and

barricading to keep away stray animals during the next three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be launched?

### **Textile Manufacturing Units**

1991. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides subsidy/tax benefit for establishing textiles manufacturing units in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to revive textile and handloom/handicraft industries in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

### **Implementation of Schemes**

1992. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the plans and schemes of the Ministry of Shipping proposed in the financial year 2016-17 have been implemented;

(b) if so, the details thereof, plan/scheme-wise; and

(c) the details of the plans/schemes which have been delayed for implementation along with the reasons therefor?

### **Coal Mines**

†1993. SHRI LALLU SINGH:

SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:

SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the majority of the Coal India Limited's 413 coal mines either make very low profit/make losses or are on artificial support and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether 200 or more underground coal mines belonging to CIL produce just 5 per cent coal and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the CIL has any proposal under its active consideration to close down the loss-making coal mines with a view to cutting down the operational costs and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether CIL has identified 65 loss-making coal mines of which 62 are underground and 37 of them are to be closed this fiscal and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether CIL has any proposal to redeploy the workers employed in these coal mines and if so, the details thereof?

### **NHs in NER**

1994. SHRI BAITE THANGSO:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has given funds for the construction of National Highways (NHs) in the North Eastern Region (NER) in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated during the last three years, highway-wise; and

(c) whether the progress of work is satisfactory, if not, the action is being taken against the erring agencies in order to ensure proper implementation of the work?

### Training Programme

†1995. DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the study of sports science has been made compulsory as part of the training programme of the sportspersons/athletes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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

### Employment under MGNREGS

1996. SHRI NINONG ERING:  
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.  
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rural households who got 100 days of employment under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) on an average during the last three financial years and the current year till date, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of persons provided with employment under MGNREGS in

drought and hailstorm affected areas across the country, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government has received representations/complaints regarding non-availability of work under MGNREGS and if so, the details thereof; and

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

### Development of Waterways

†1997. SHRI RAVINDER  
KUSHAWAHA:  
SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR  
PATIL:  
DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to extend the waterways network in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has been taking special measures/efforts to develop the rivers as waterways in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds allocated and utilized during each of the last three years and the current year for the purpose;

(d) the model of development proposed to be adopted for these waterways along with the estimated expenditure to be incurred therein;

(e) whether the Government proposes to connect Dohrighat, Barhaj and Ballia of eastern Uttar Pradesh with Haldia; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the time-frame set for the purpose and if not, the reasons therefor?

### Welfare Facilities for Coal Mine Workers

1998. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of welfare facilities being provided by the Government for the coal mine workers and their family members;

(b) whether it is mandatory for the coal mine workers to undergo medical check-up annually;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of special hospital facilities available for the coal mine workers in the country?

### Sports Events

†1999. SHRI BHANU PRATAP  
SINGH VERMA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to organise national and international sports events in the country in near future and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has any special provision/plan to provide sports stadium/infrastructure facility in villages under Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of new sports complexes approved across the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh?

### Aviation Security Policy

2000. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is aware of new flight security measures, including the restriction of laptops, computers in cabin luggage enacted by the United States of America and Britain and the impact of these measures on Indian air travel and aviation industry, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any scheme in place or plan thereof, to adjust airport and aviation security policy based on these measures;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry is aware of the closure of airspace to Qatar flights by certain Middle Eastern countries, including Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt and the impact of these measures on Indian air travel and aviation industry, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is any scheme in place or plan thereof, to ensure alternate routes for flights in the case of such route limitations and if so, the details thereof?

### Impact of Climate Change on Water Resources

†2001. SHRI NIHAL CHAND:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

जल संसाधन, नदी विकास और गंगा संरक्षण मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the impact of climate change on water resources of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any strategy to deal with the impact of climate change on water resources and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any policy decision has been taken regarding better maintenance and conservation of water resources in the country in the light of climate change and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Shanan Hydroelectric Project**

†2002. SHRI RAM SWAROOP SHARMA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Shanan hydroelectric project with 110 Megawatt capacity set up in Mandi District of Himachal Pradesh is being neglected due to ownership dispute between Himachal Pradesh and Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Union Government to handover the ownership of the project to Himachal Pradesh?

#### **Auction of Coal Blocks**

2003. SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:  
DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:  
DR. SATYAPAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coal blocks auctioned/proposed to be auctioned across

the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether the coal mines whose auctions were cancelled earlier have been re-auctioned and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the revenue generated from auction of the said coal blocks have been transferred to the respective States by the Union Government so far and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the cases of cartelisation/ other irregularities have come to the notice of the Government in the auction of the said coal blocks in the country and if so, the details thereof, company-wise along with the action taken/being taken by the Government in such cases so far; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure transparency in auction of the coal blocks?

#### **Proposals for Floating Tank at Ports**

2004. SHRI SANGANNA AMARAPPA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received proposals from the domestic/ foreign agencies to set up the floating tank to reserve the petrol/chemicals at the ports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of such agencies/companies; and

(c) the quantum of revenue generation expected as a result thereof during the next five years?

#### **Skilled Workers**

2005. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, due to non-availability of skilled workers, the construction of Highways is being delayed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government has any plans to train the construction workers and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Transmission Projects**

2006. SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the transmission projects are proposed to be opened for bids during the current financial year in order to boost capacity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any Committee has been constituted to assess the impact of GST on the power sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **National Sports University, Manipur**

2007. DR. THOKCHOM MEINYA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of the National Sports University in Manipur has begun;

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;

(c) the estimated cost for the construction and the amount spent on it so far; and

(d) the time by which the University is likely to start functioning?

#### **Guidelines under PMGSY**

†2008. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) has not been completed within stipulated time period due to shortage of funds and also the State Governments have not fully utilized the allocated funds during the last financial year and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has proposed any new guidelines in view of the problems being faced under the scheme;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any guidelines have been issued to the State Governments regarding completion of under constructed road projects within stipulated time period under the said scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Awarding of Works for Mining of Coal**

2009. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether various outsourcing companies like Dhansar Engineering Company Private Limited and others have been awarded works for mining of coal and lifting of over burden in the Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) mines;

(b) if so, the details of such awards and the allocation of sites to each of such companies and details of works done by them in the BCCL area during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the local villagers of the area where such companies are mining and lifting over burden etc. have been given compensation for their rehabilitation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the names of areas where dumping sites have been allotted to these companies along with the distance of dumping area from the mining sites?

#### **Revival of Stalled Plants**

2010. SHRI HARISH MEENA:  
SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to revive stalled power plants across the country to expand power transmission;

(b) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by the Government, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to revive only stalled hydro projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons per learning thermal and other sector?

#### **Safety Standards for Vehicles**

2011. SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India globally is continuing as one of the leaders in road accidents during the last five years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the light body passenger vehicles are the top most reason for death and injuries of passengers therein;

(c) if so, the safety standards and the priority of safety instructions of the Government to the car makers/producers therefor; and

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

#### **Cotton Textile Industry**

†2012. SHRI RAM KUMAR  
SHARMA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether indigenous and labour-oriented techniques are used at all the levels from cotton production to stitching of clothes in textile industry in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this industry has great potential to create additional jobs;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the number of households earning their livelihood through this industry in the country as on date?

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

#### **Difficult Areas under PMAY-G in Gujarat**

2013. SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN  
PATEL:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received a proposal from the Government of Gujarat for declaration of 2077 villages in 12 Districts as difficult areas under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether the budgetary provisions for difficult areas under PMAY-G would also be sanctioned at the earliest so that the Gujarat Government could achieve its current year's target; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Operation of New International Flights**

†2014. PROF. RAVINDRA  
VISHWANATH  
GAIKWAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL  
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started many new international flights in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Air India has also increased the number of domestic flights;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of total income of Air India during the last three years, year-wise?

#### **Definition of Rural Electrification**

2015. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to revise the definition of rural electrification from the present "10 per cent of households using electricity" in order to provide a more realistic picture of rural electrification; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the features of the new definition?

#### **Mega Clusters**

†2016. SHRI JAI PRAKASH  
NARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision was taken in the year 2014-15 for setting up of mega clusters in Bhagalpur and Banka districts of Bihar;

(b) if so, the number of mega clusters set up in the said districts as on date; and

(c) the amount of funds spent in this regard so far?

#### **Ujwal Bharat Scheme**

†2017. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.



(a) whether the Ujwal Bharat Scheme aiming to ensure uninterrupted power supply to all the rural, urban and remote areas in the country along with other objectives has been started;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to achieve the targets set under the said initiative;

(d) whether the Government proposes to completely change the existing funding and implementation pattern to achieve these targets; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Parking Charge at Ahmedabad Airport**

2018. SHRI PARESH RAVAL:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allowed the parking contractor to charge at Ahmedabad airport for four hours instead of hourly charge, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has received any complaints on this issue; and

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

#### **Problems Associated with Coal Blocks**

†2019. DR. BHARATIBEN D. SHYAL:  
SHRI SUBHASH PATEL:

Will the Minister of COAL  
कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the States are facing a lot of problems owing to the problems associated with coal blocks;

(b) if so, the details of such problems associated with coal blocks being faced by the States;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up a separate forum for coordination between the States and the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Shelter for Eligible Beneficiaries as per SECC**

2020. SHRI CHANDU LAL SAHU:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC-2011) data as large as 4 crore eligible beneficiaries require shelter in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the details of eligible beneficiaries across the country, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has initiated an all-out effort to eradicate shelterlessness from the country in a phased and time-bound manner;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the progress made till now in this direction; and

(d) the number of beneficiaries who have been given shelter during the last three years, State/UT-wise?

#### **Performance of Sportspersons**

†2021. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:  
SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH  
JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has done critical analysis of performance of Indian Sportspersons in the Olympics-2016 and if so, the details/outcome thereof;

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve the dismal performance of Indian Sportspersons in the coming international competitions including the next Olympics;

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any long term scheme in this regard, particularly in view of the Olympics-2020; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Utilisation of Renewable Energy in North-Eastern States**

2022. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has devised any plan to effectively utilise the renewable energy in the North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the North-Eastern States have a great potential to harvest solar energy and in some places even hydro and wind energy;

(d) if so, whether the Union Government has any data regarding the estimated renewable energy available for harvesting in Meghalaya and other North-Eastern States;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the plans of the Union Government for utilising the solar energy in the country along with the details of special focus on North-Eastern States?

#### **Profit Earned by AAI**

2023. SHRI VINAYAK  
BHAURAO RAUT:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the total profit after tax earned by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) during the financial year 2016-17;

(b) whether the Government has paid bonus to the AAI employees of the year 2015;

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

(d) the profit after tax likely to be earned by the AAI during the Financial Year 2017-18 and the bonus paid to their employees in 2016;

(e) whether the Government has received representations from the public representatives and organizations raising the issue of non-payment of bonus to AAI employees; and

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

### Electrification Coverage

2024. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR  
DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even today the electricity has not reached to 45 per cent population in the country;

(b) if so, the details of population still deprived of electricity connections, State/UT-wise; and

(c) the action being taken by the Government to bridge this gap?

### Bharat Mala Project

2025. SHRI BHARTRUHARI  
MAHTAB:  
SHRIMATI HEMA  
MALINI:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the Government has achieved the objectives of providing better connectivity to Border and Coastal areas through implementing the Bharat Mala Project in the country;

(b) the details of the total National Highways constructed/upgraded and funds spent under the said project so far, NH-wise;

(c) the details of the funds received by the Government from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) under the said project along with its utilization so far;

(d) the number of complaints received by the Government for irregularities in

implementation of the said project so far, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor along with the present status of such complaints; and

(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for effective implementation of the said project in the country?

### Wage Arrears under MGNREGS in Kerala

2026. SHRI N.K.  
PREMACHANDRAN:  
MOHAMMED FAIZAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government is aware of the fact that the wages of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) workers in Kerala is due from November 2016;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government to release the arrears in this regard to MGNREGS workers;

(c) whether the Government has received requests from the Government of Kerala for releasing an amount of Rs. 636.52 crores as arrears for the year 2016-17 and Rs. 96.84 crores as arrears during the financial year 2017-18;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken along with the reason for delay in disbursing the arrears of wages;

(e) whether the Government proposes to release the amount for proper implementation of MGNREGS and if so, the details thereof including the quantum of funds proposed to be released to the State; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to continue MGNREGS and if so, the action taken by the Government for providing sufficient amount of funds to State Governments to disburse wages to workers?

### Setting up of Mini/Micro Hydro Projects

†2027. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL  
“NISHANK”:

Will the Minister of NEW AND  
RENEWABLE ENERGY

नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a policy has been formulated or proposed to be formulated to set up mini and micro hydro projects in Himalayan States in the country including Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and North-East;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has set a target for skill development and promotion of entrepreneurship in the non-conventional energy sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is any proposal to ensure participation of the local people in such schemes; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

### Commercial Coal Mining

2028. SHRI MALYADRI  
SRIRAM:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to open commercial coal mining to private companies in the country;

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

(c) the extent to which the power tariff is likely to be reduced as a result thereof?

### Impact of Cyber Attack on Port

2029. DR. KAMBHAMPATI  
HARIBABU:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING

पोत परिवहन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that operations at Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Mumbai were affected after an incident of cyber-attack recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to upgrade cyber security at all the ports in the country to prevent recurrence of such attacks in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

### Open Defecation

†2030. PROF. PREM SINGH  
CHANDUMAJRA:  
SHRI SISIR KUMAR  
ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of DRINKING  
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether 33 per cent of the country's villages have been declared as Open Defecation Free (ODF) as on June 2017;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the State-wise number of ODF villages;

(c) the targeted timeframe set for 100% sanitation coverage in the country;

(d) whether any arrangement has been made for the disposal of human waste generated in these villages;

(e) if so, the details thereof including the quantum of human waste being generated after usage of new toilets along with the installed capacity for treating it, State/UT-wise; and

(f) the time by which the additional capacity of treatment facility is likely to be installed for remaining quantum of human waste?

#### **Allocation of Coal Blocks**

2031. SHRI B.S. YEDIYURAPPA:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the Government of Karnataka for allocation of coal blocks to generate electricity; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

#### **Aadhaar Enabled Payment System under MGNREGS**

2032. SHRI SANTOKH SINGH CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) workers who have shared their Aadhaar details with the Ministry as of today and the number of workers out of them are being paid through the Aadhaar enabled payment system as of today;

(b) whether inadequate bank infrastructure is preventing the linkage of Aadhaar numbers with bank accounts for MGNREGS workers thus being a setback for the Aadhaar enabled payment system;

(c) the details of mechanism through which the Government proposes to monitor the status of Aadhaar enabled payment which is crucial for preventing leakages in disbursal of wages and promoting financial inclusion; and

(d) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to improve internet connectivity for smoother operation of Aadhaar enabled payment system as out of the 6,874 blocks under MGNREGS, 2520 blocks face connectivity problems even though 6326 blocks have internet connection?

#### **Targets under PMAY-G**

2033. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

SHRI ASHOK

MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has been fixed for providing houses to all rural poor by the year 2022;

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a steady decline in the production of coal in the Western Coalfields Limited (WCL);

(b) if so, the quantum of decrease in the production of coal since 2014; and

(c) the action plan prepared/to be prepared by the Government to check the decline in the production and to increase the production?

#### **Impetus to Textile and Handicrafts Industries**

†2036. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the measures taken by the Government to give impetus to textile industry in the country;

(b) whether the production of handicrafts has increased during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Government is making efforts to sharpen the skills of weavers and craftsmen and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Assistance to NGOs**

†2037. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY:

SHRI LAXMAN GILUWA:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

(b) if so, the details of the number of people, out of the total population of the country, who have been identified for coverage under this scheme, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of housing units proposed to be constructed by the year 2019 and the total number of housing units constructed during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government is contemplating to increase the target for the current year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Vehicular Emission Norms**

2034. SHRI TATHAGATA SATPATHY:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government intends to take action against vehicles and automobile companies who have been perpetual defaulter of the vehicular emission norms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has moved from a PPP model to EPC model for developing road projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the list of projects likely to be taken up under this new EPC model?

#### **Decline in Production of Coal**

†2035. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

which received financial assistance under various sports schemes being implemented in Jharkhand;

(b) the details of funds provided to these NGOs along with the utilization status thereof during the last three years and the current year;

(c) the details of NGOs found involved in the alleged irregularities during the said period along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the details of the action taken against the NGOs found guilty?

#### **Pension under NSAP**

2038. SHRI LADU KISHORE  
SWAIN:  
SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

Will the Minister of RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of monthly pension given to persons considered old;

(b) whether there is any plan to revise the amount of monthly pension under the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS);

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is proposed to be reviewed;

(d) the details of coverage of IGNOAPS and the amount allocated, sanctioned and spent during the last five years, State/UT-wise and Year-wise;

(e) the number of beneficiaries covered and the amount spent under the Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS) and Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS), States/UT-wise and Year-wise; and

(f) the target fixed to cover the intended beneficiaries under various

schemes of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) for the financial Year-2017-18, State/UT-wise?

#### **Sports Authority of India**

2039. SHRI ASHOK  
SHANKARRAO  
CHAVAN:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH  
SINGH:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:

Will the Minister of YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the benefits of 7th Pay Commission has not yet been extended to the employees of Sports Authority of India (SAI);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the delay in its implementation;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented in SAI; and

(d) whether the Government has issued guidelines relating to revision of pay of employees of Quasi-Government Organizations, Autonomous Organizations, Statutory Bodies etc. set up by the central Government and funded/controlled by the Central Government and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Revival of Non-operational Airports under UDAN Scheme**

2040. KUNWAR HARIBANSH  
SINGH:

SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:  
SHRI NINONG ERING:  
SHRI PRABHAKAR  
REDDY KOTHA:  
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:  
SHRI ASHOK  
SHANKARRAO  
CHAVAN:  
DR. RAMESH  
POKHRIYAL  
“NISHANK”:  
SHRI KIRTI AZAD:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:  
SHRIMATI MAUSAM  
NOOR:  
DR. SATYAPAL SINGH:  
SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI  
KHADSE:  
SHRI KONDA  
VISHWESHWAR REDDY:  
SHRI T.  
RADHAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI DUSHYANT  
CHAUTALA:  
SHRI P.K. BIJU:  
DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR  
RAY:  
SHRI SHER SINGH  
GHUBAYA:  
SHRI PARBHUBHAI  
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:  
SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:  
DR. UDIT RAJ:  
PROF. RICHARD HAY:  
PROF. CHINTAMANI  
MALVIYA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL  
AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of implementation of first and second phase of Regional Air Connectivity Scheme (UDAN);

(b) the details of operational and non-operational airports in the country, State/UT-wise and the expenditure incurred/loss of revenue made on maintenance of non-operational airports during the last three years and the current year, airport/year-wise;

(c) the number of non-operational/unused airports made operational during the above period, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government proposes to develop no frill/small/unserved airports in the country under UDAN scheme, if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of subsidy/financial assistance provided by the Government under UDAN scheme so far;

(f) whether the Government is in the process of developing adequate aviation infrastructure for implementation of regional air connectivity scheme, if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the details of progress/achievements made under the UDAN scheme so far?

#### **Survey on Health of Bridges and Tunnels**

2041. SHRI KAMAL NATH:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:  
SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI ASADUDDIN  
OWAISI:  
DR. K. GOPAL:

SHRI JITENDRA  
CHAUDHURY:  
SHRI JOSE K. MANI:  
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM  
GAIKWAD:  
SHRI ASHOK  
SHANKARRAO  
CHAVAN:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH  
SINGH:  
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M.  
SCINDIA:  
SHRIMATI K.  
MARAGATHAM:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:  
SHRI T.  
RADHAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI ANURAG SINGH  
THAKUR:

Will the Minister of ROAD  
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted a survey on health of bridges and tunnels of National Highways in the country recently, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has also assigned a unique identify number of each of the culverts, bridges and flyovers on these highways, if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives thereof;

(c) the total expenditure incurred on the said survey; and

(d) the outcome of the survey along with the action taken by the Government on the basis of the survey along with the present status of required for rehabilitation of Highways in the country?

### FIFA U-17 World Cup

2042. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM  
GAIKWAD:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
SHRI GAJANAN  
KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI ASHOK  
SHANKARRAO  
CHAVAN:  
KUNWAR HARIBANSH  
SINGH:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN  
MAHATO:  
SHRI T.  
RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of YOUTH  
AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

युवा कार्यक्रम और खेल मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to organize FIFA U-17 World Cup and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of countries likely to participate in the said tournament;

(c) the details of facilities provided by the Government to the Indian players, coaches and support staff to meet the challenges of the said tournament;

(d) the details of FIFA and Asian Football Confederation (AFC) ranking of the Indian National Football Team at present;

(e) the details of the preparedness of Indian team for the said tournament; and

(f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to promote the football games across the country?

### Electrification of Villages

†2043. SHRI PANKAJ  
CHAUDHARY

SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:  
SHRI VISHNU DAYAL  
RAM:  
SHRIMATI HEMA  
MALINI:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR  
SINGH:  
SHRI R.  
GOPALAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:  
SHRI V. ELUMALAI:  
SHRI SHYAMA CHARAN  
GUPTA:  
SHRI INNOCENT:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a remarkable progress in electrification of rural areas in the country during the last three years;

(b) the number of villages electrified in the country and the number of them still to be electrified and the time by which all the villages are proposed to be electrified in the country, State-wise;

(c) whether some States are lagging behind in implementation of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana, if so, the details thereof including the targets set and achieved in terms of electrification of villages and electricity connection to BPL families along with reasons for not achieving the targets, State/UT-wise;

(d) the details of proposals received from State Governments during Twelfth Plan Period and the decisions taken by the Union Government thereon, State/UT-wise;

(e) whether such complaints have been received by the Government wherein villages have been shown as electrified but

actually those villages have not been electrified or the work of electrification is incomplete and if so, the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(f) the details of the transformers installed in various States including Uttar Pradesh to provide electricity connectivity to the left out villages/areas during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

### Coking Coal Reserves

2044. SHRI GEORGE BAKER:  
SHRI PARBHUBHAI  
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:  
PROF. RICHARD HAY:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of coking coal reserves in the country including Gujarat, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to acquire coking coal reserve sites in foreign countries;

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

(d) the time by which they are proposed to be acquired along with the amount of funds earmarked for the said purpose; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to sign Memorandum of Understanding with some countries in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the timeframe for the same?

### Reduction in User Development Fee

2045. SHRI SULTAN AHMED:  
SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:  
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM  
GAIKWAD:

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.

SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI T.  
RADHAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether the air passengers are required to pay different types of higher user charges while travelling on domestic as well as international flights from metro airports of the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has recently decided to slash the User Development Fee (UDF) on domestic as well international flights from Indira Gandhi International airport;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) in this regard;

(d) whether the DGCA also proposes to reduce user charges in other metro airports of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to make air travel cheaper and passenger friendly; and

(f) whether the Government has new schemes for modernization of the airports including metro airports and if so, the details thereof?

#### **e-Panchayat Mission**

2046. SHRI GODSE HEMANT  
TUKARAM:  
SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:  
SHRI PARBHUBHAI  
NAGARBHAI VASAVA:  
SHRI RAJESH PANDEY:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI  
RAJ

पंचायती राज मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of e-Panchayat Mission mode scheme and its present status;

(b) the details of funds sanctioned, released and used under this scheme, State/UT-wise;

(c) the details of targets set and achievements made under it including the number of panchayats which have been computerized, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has received any proposal to increase the funds provided under this scheme from any State and if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government thereon, State-wise;

(e) whether the Government has reviewed the implementation of e-Panchayat Scheme in various States and if so, the details and the outcome thereof, State/UT-wise; and

(f) whether the Union Government proposes to launch a new scheme for computerization and networking of all the panchayats in the country, if so, the details thereof and the funds likely to be earmarked therefor?

#### **MoU with Australia**

2047. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA  
SULE:  
SHRI DHANANJAY  
MAHADIK:  
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:  
SHRI MOHITE PATIL  
VIJAYSINH  
SHANKARRAO:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Australia have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to intensify cooperation in the fields of textiles, clothing, handloom and fashion and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the benefits that Indian weavers are likely to get out of this MoU;

(c) the estimated Indian textiles to be exported to Australia through this MoU and the estimated quantum of foreign exchange likely to be earned therefrom; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to connect the Australian and Indian textile and fashion sectors and promote collaboration between the two countries?

#### **Stressed Assets in Power Sector**

2048. SHRI DHANANJAY  
MAHADIK:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA  
SULE:  
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:  
SHRI MOHITE PATIL  
VIJAYSINH  
SHANKARRAO:  
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:  
DR. HEENA  
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per estimate of Rs. 9 lakh crore of stressed assets in the country more than half are in the power generation sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government companies are poised to play a crucial role in the revival of stressed power plants by acquiring them or enabling their lenders to operate them on contract basis;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the objectives behind the move;

(e) whether the power generation companies of States propose to take over private power plants at attractive valuation after equity erosion and, if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government is considering to set up a holding company for identified stressed assets with the help of State owned power companies besides banks; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Serving of Meals to Passengers on Flights**

2049. DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA  
SULE:  
SHRI SUMAN BALKAR:  
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
SHRI DHANANJAY  
MAHADIK:  
SHRI MOHITE PATIL  
VIJAYSINH  
SHANKARRAO:  
SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:  
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:  
DR. ANBUMANI  
RAMADOSS:  
DR. HEENA  
VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:  
ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether loss laden Air India has stopped serving non-vegetarian meals to economy class passengers on its domestic flights;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the estimated quantum of amount to be saved on this account annually;

(c) whether the views of air passengers were solicited before taking this decision, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the present move will wean away passengers to other private airliners, if so, the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) the other measures taken by the Government to cut cost in Air India and avoid further debt?

#### **Supply of Drinking Water**

†2050. SHRIMATI BHAVANA  
PUNDALIKRAO  
GAWALI PATIL:  
SHRI K.N.  
RAMACHANDRAN:  
SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI  
TUMANE:  
SHRIMATI REKHA  
VERMA:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the areas fully and partly covered under drinking water schemes along with quality affected habitations in the country including Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh, State-wise;

(b) the details of the funds released and utilized under drinking water schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of the drinking water schemes and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the Government has fixed any timelimit for supplying safe drinking water to all households in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to collaborate with NGOs with a view to speeding up the process of supplying safe drinking water to the rural and remote areas in the country and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Six Laning of NHs**

2051. SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:  
SHRI NALIN KUMAR  
KATEEL:  
SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken up any project for development/six laning of national highways (NHs) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the present status of six laning of Ahmedabad-Vadodara national highway;

(c) the total number of stretches on which six laning of national highway was completed during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) the funds allocated and spent till date under the said projects; and

(e) the time by which the said projects are likely to be completed?

#### **Two Wheeler Accidents**

2052. SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS:  
SHRI KODIKUNNIL  
SURESH:  
SHRI NANA PATOLE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that most of the accident victims on highways are two wheeler riders with one fatality every 15 minutes are mostly youngsters within the age group of 18 to 25;

(b) if so, the details of total number of deceased youngsters in two wheeler accidents on highways from 2015 till date;

(c) whether the Government has decided to establish highway interceptor squads on national highways to prevent and detain such two wheeler riders;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether Bureau of Indian Standards has fixed new standards for helmets for two wheeler riders, if so, the details thereof?

#### **Compensation to Displaced Families**

†2053. SHRI JANAK RAM:  
SHRI VISHNU DAYAL  
RAM:  
DR. A. SAMPATH:

Will the Minister of COAL

कोयला मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of displaced families have raised the issue of not being

given any compensation or rehabilitation facilities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount of expenditure incurred by Coal India Limited (CIL) and its ancillary companies as compensation for displaced families during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has made any assessment about the losses suffered by coal mines due to protests by the displaced families;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of number of criminal cases filed against such protestors during the said period?

#### **Electrification in Jharkhand**

†2054. SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:  
SHRI VISHNU DAYAL  
RAM:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken for electrification of 4650 villages of Palamu, Garhwa, Latehar, Eastern and Western Singhbhum district of Jharkhand; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time frame therefor?

#### **Performance of Air India**

2055. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:  
SHRI ASADUDDIN  
OWAISI:  
ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV  
SAWAIKAR:  
SHRI BALABHADRA  
MAJHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION  
नागर विमानन मंत्री  
be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount so far pumped by Government in Air India during the last three years to make it functional;

(b) whether in spite of that Air India is continuously incurring losses and if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has asked the NITI Aayog to draw a roadmap for ailing Air India and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether NITI Aayog has submitted its recommendations to the Government and if so, the details thereof and strategy likely to be adopted by the Government for the future of Air India;

(e) the details of subsidiaries of Air India together with the functions;

(f) the details of the physical and financial performance of Air India and its subsidiaries during the last three years; and

(g) the market share of Air India during the said period?

#### **Achievement of Swachh Bharat Mission**

2056. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:  
SHRI NAGENDRA  
KUMAR  
PRADHAN:  
SHRI ANANDRAO  
ADSUL:  
SHRI VINAYAK  
BHAURAO  
RAUT:  
DR. SHRIKANT  
EKNATH  
SHINDE:

DR. PRITAM  
GOPINATH  
MUNDE:

Will the Minister of DRINKING  
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the States/UTs where Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin (SBM-G) is under implementation;

(b) the extent to which the sanitation coverage has increased in the country after the implementation of SBM-G;

(c) the details of the States lagging behind in the field of sanitation along with the States which have achieved more than the desired results;

(d) whether over two lakh villages have become Open Defecation Free (ODF) and the SBM needs to be sustained;

(e) if so, whether there is need to create mechanisms at the village level for solid and liquid waste management and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Union Government thereon; and

(f) whether there is a programme under the World Bank Project where a village which continues to remain ODF will get extra funds from the State Government and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Textile Industry**

†2057. SHRI SHRIRANG APPA  
BARNE:  
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:  
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL  
SHIVAJIRAO:  
SHRI DHARMENDRA  
YADAV:  
SHRI VINAYAK  
BHAURAO RAUT:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH  
SHINDE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a perception that India's economic growth has been a jobless growth;

(b) if so, whether textile and clothing industry is an industry where good jobs can be created with relatively limited investment and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether textiles and clothing industry is being given less importance by the Union Government and if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is a need to modernise the machines and to add state-of-the-art facilities to help the industry and if so, the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard; and

(e) the details of various schemes launched to upgrade technology, to extend financial aid and to create more jobs in the textiles industry?

#### **Programme on Drinking Water**

2058. SHRI DHARAM VIRA:  
SHRIMATI P.K.  
SREEMATHI  
TEACHER:  
SHRI M.B. RAJESH:

Will the Minister of DRINKING  
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to have a mission-mode programme on drinking water in place and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to deal with the problem of non-availability of clean drinking water in water scarce places in the country;

(c) whether the Government plans to collect standardized data on drinking water availability;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of the schemes in place for the purpose of promoting the importance of safe drinking water as a public health concern and not just as a basic necessity and for spreading awareness about the kind of diseases that arise out of non-availability of potable water?

#### **Fluoride and Arsenic Contamination**

2059. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:  
SHRIMATI P.K.  
SREEMATHI TEACHER:

Will the Minister of DRINKING  
WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the districts affected due to fluoride and arsenic contamination in drinking water in the State of Kerala;

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide safe drinking water in the State of Kerala; and

(c) whether the Government is providing any special assistance to the State in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the targets fixed therefor?

#### **Drinking Water and Sanitation Schemes**

2060. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR  
JENA:  
SHRI KESINENI NANI:



**Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION**

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is delay or incomplete works under the drinking water and sanitation schemes/projects in the country including Andhra Pradesh and Odisha;

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

(c) the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

**Auctioning of Road Projects**

2061. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) proposes to switch over to a new mechanism for auctioning road projects, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the new mechanism to be adopted for auctioning of highway projects will focus on the internal rate of return (IRR), if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether depending on the slab of IRR, the projects are classified for new biddings as BOT with 15% IRR and at lower slabs under Hybrid Annuity Model and EPC; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

**Flight Services**

2062. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

ADV. CHINTAMAN  
NAVASHA WANAGA:  
DR. C.  
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start flight services to Tel Aviv in Israel from airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be done;

(d) whether the Ministry has received any request from the Ministry of External Affairs to operate more flights from Doha, Qatar to bring the Indians living in Qatar following the political crisis there, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Ministry on this request?

**Purchase of New Aircraft for Air India**

2063. SHRI A. ANWHAR  
RAAJHAA:  
SHRI DEVUSINH  
CHAUHAN:  
SHRI PARESH RAVAL:

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

नागर विमानन मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India is operating many aircraft that are old and need to be grounded;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to replace these aircraft;

(d) the time by which it is likely to be done; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to buy new passenger planes for Air India and if so, the details thereof?

**Speed Governors**

†2064. SHRI ASHOK  
MAHADEORAO NETE:  
SHRI R.P.  
MARUTHARAJAA:  
SHRIMATI K.  
MARAGATHAM:

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Government has urged the State Governments to refrain from putting restrictive conditions while inviting bids for Government vehicles and State transport buses for speed governors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the Government has said that private vehicles owner could fit any speed governor that had got test certification from Government approved agencies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has proposed mandatory speed governors in all the Public Transport Vehicles, if so, the details thereof?

**Road Accidents**

†2065. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH  
JAUNAPURIA:  
SHRI HARISH MEENA:  
SHRI RAOSAHEB DANVE  
PATIL:

SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:  
DR. NARAMALLI SIVA  
PRASAD:  
SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:  
SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

**Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether highest number of road accidents in the world take place in India, if so, the details thereof along with the total number of persons killed in road accidents during the last three years and current year, State-wise;

(b) the amount of compensation provided by the Government to the victims during above said period;

(c) whether fake driving licences is also one of the reasons of deaths in road accidents, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to reduce the number of road accidents to half by the year 2020, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to prevent increasing road accidents in the country along with the guidelines issued to State Governments in this regard?

**Use of Technical Textiles**

2066. SHRI K.R.P.  
PRABAKARAN:  
DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

**Will the Minister of TEXTILES**

वस्त्र मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to promote use of technical textiles;

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

(c) whether technical textiles or functional textiles which is considered as a sunrise sector in the country is all set for demand taking off for products such as geo and agro-textiles and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Ministry of Textiles has held any discussions with the Ministries of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Health and Family Welfare in this regard and if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(e) whether the Ministry aims to create awareness, promote the use of technical textile products and to ensure that the usage is mandated in atleast some areas and if so, the details thereof?

#### **Review of Wages Paid under MGNREGS**

2067. DR. PRABHAS KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRI MULLAPPALLY  
RAMACHANDRAN:  
SHRI DUSHYANT  
CHAUTALA:  
ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV  
SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee has been constituted by the Government to review the wages paid under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the committee has submitted its report to the Government and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the wages under MGNREGS are substantially low as compared to minimum wages for agriculture and construction works in many States and if so, the comparative details of MGNREGS and minimum wages in different States;

(d) whether revision of wages under MGNREGS is under consideration of the Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **Pucca Houses to Families under PMAY-G in Madhya Pradesh**

†2068. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:  
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ग्रामीण विकास मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the families dwelling in the kutchha houses are proposed to be provided with the pucca houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the timeframe fixed for construction of pucca houses for these families under the scheme;

(c) the number of pucca houses constructed so far in Madhya Pradesh;

(d) the total number of families dwelling in kutchha houses which were not covered under the SECC-2011 in Madhya Pradesh; and

(e) the time by which the said families are likely to be provided with pucca houses?

#### **Shortage of Fuel**

2069. DR. C.  
GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of POWER

विद्युत मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) whether many power projects in the country are stranded because of non-availability of coal or less supply of coal as fuel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of such stranded power projects in the country, project and State-wise; and

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to function these stranded power projects?

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#### **NRDWP**

†2070. COL. SONARAM  
CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

पेयजल और स्वच्छता मंत्री

be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated/ released and spent by Rajasthan under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether additional funds have been sought by Rajasthan for rural drinking water schemes and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to allocate additional funds to Rajasthan as special assistance;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANOOP MISHRA  
*Secretary General*

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1953	Part (a); last line: <u>for</u> "seperately" <u>read</u> "separately"
1954	Part (c); line 1: <u>for</u> "stregthen" <u>read</u> "strengthen"
1961	1st Name of Member delete: "SMT. RANJEET RANJAN"
1971	<b>Question delete</b>
1989	1st Name of Member delete: "KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV"
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