

committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. (Prof.) R.A. Mashelkar has been constituted to shortlist appropriate technologies for treatment of various contaminants in drinking water sources.

#### **New jobs under MGNREGA**

\*144. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has identified certain new jobs to be executed under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to ensure greater participation and use of scientific methods in planning of works as well as focusing on convergence with other programmes?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHAUDHARY BIRENDER SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The list of works has already been expanded in consultation with the States in January, 2014.

(b) Intensive Participatory Planning Exercise (IPPE)-I, was carried out during the last financial year in 2500 backward blocks to prepare labour budget and shelf of works ensuring greater participation and use of scientific methods and this year also IPPE-II is being carried out in these backward blocks to prepare labour budget and shelf of works with greater participation and use of scientific methods.

#### **Revenue generated from auction of coal blocks**

\*145. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of coal blocks auctioned and revenue generated therefrom, so far, along with the total revenue likely to be generated from auction of such coal blocks in subsequent years;

(b) by when the remaining coal blocks are likely to be auctioned;

(c) whether the cases of cartelization/other irregularities have come to the notice of Government in the auction of the said coal blocks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, company-wise along with the action taken/being taken by Government in such cases, so far and the other steps taken/being taken by Government in this direction?