

(d) if so, the nature of the decision taken?

**The Minister of Planning (Shri B. R. Bhagat):** (a) to (d). The question of an investment guarantee agreement between India and Federal Republic of Germany is under negotiation between the two Governments. The particular point relating to the nature of guarantee is a matter which is still under discussion.

#### Planning Commission

- \*103. { **Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:**  
**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**  
**Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:**  
**Shri Jagdev Singh Siddhanti:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh:**  
**Shri Krishnapal Singh:**

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether suggestion has been made to Government that the Planning Commission should be reduced in size so as to effect saving in expenditure and

(b) If so, the reaction of Government thereto?

**The Minister of Planning (Shri B. R. Bhagat):** (a) and (b): The Planning Commission has, from time to time, reviewed its staff strength so as to effect the maximum economy commensurate with the efficient discharge of the duties assigned to it. Presently, the Commission has under consideration a proposal to prune and streamline the staff as a part of the process of gearing up its working to meet the urgent tasks ahead.

#### Housing in Third Plan

- \*104. { **Shri D. J. Naik:**  
**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**  
**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri Subodh Hansda:**  
**Shri Rameshwar Tanti:**  
**Shri Himatsingka:**  
**Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:**  
**Shri P. K. Deo:**

**Shri Solanki:**  
**Shri C. M. Kedaria:**  
**Shrimati Laxmi Bai:**

Will the Minister of Works and Housing be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large sum out of the funds provided for housing in the Third Five Year Plan has remained unspent so far; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that amount unspent so far are diverted to other heads by the States?

**The Minister of Works and Housing (Shri Mehar Chand Khanna):** (a) Yes.

(b) All the State Governments were addressed to give the requisite information. So far replies have been received from 9 of them. Eight have denied any diversion of housing funds and only one has admitted a small diversion.

#### Floods in Delhi

- \*105. { **Shri Balgovind Verma:**  
**Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:**  
**Shrimati Savitri Nigam:**  
**Shri Solanki:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh:**  
**Shri Narasimha Reddy:**

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently many villages near Delhi were submerged under water and cut-off from one another as the staff of irrigation Department did not throw open the gates of Wazirabad Barrage even when the level of the river water rose to 668 feet high;

(b) the extent of damage caused in these villages due to these floods; and

(c) the number of villages affected by this flood and human or animal lives lost, if any?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao):** (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Due to floods in the Yamuna, 535 acres of land were inundated in five villages. Approximate