

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed):

(a) In most of the States, the industrial rates are higher than in U.P. except for 50 K.W. (L.T.) in Eastern Area under U.P. A statement showing the average industrial rates in the different States is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-7291/66].

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Introduction of uniform rates in all States on an all India basis is not immediately feasible. However, uniformity in the rates charged for different classes of consumers within the jurisdiction of each State has been brought about in eight States. The other States are also working towards that end.

Supply of Drinking Water to Rural Areas

*229. **Shri Maheswar Naik:**
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Shri P. C. Borooah:
Dr. M. M. Das:
Shri H. C. Linga Reddy:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri Hem Raj:

Will the Minister of **Health and Family Planning** be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the scheme of supplying drinking water facilities in the rural areas, State-wise; and

(b) how long it will take for the rural areas to become fully self-sufficient in this regard?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) It is not possible to indicate any definite period for provision of drinking water in all the rural areas of the country as it depends upon the resources available.

World Bank Mission

*230. **Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:** Will the Minister of **Planning and Social Welfare** be pleased to state:

(a) whether any World Bank Mission is arriving in India to assess India's foreign exchange needs for the Fourth Five Year Plan;

(b) what is the programme for the Mission; and

(c) what say and impact World Bank has in shaping economic policies of Government?

The Minister of Planning and Social Welfare (Shri Asoka Mehta): (a) and (b). A World Bank team of experts led by Mr. Bernard Beil has been making an appraisalment of the foreign exchange needs of the Fourth Five Year Plan. The team has not yet completed its assignment.

(c) The World Bank is the convenor and the Secretariat of the Aid India Consortium. It is in that capacity that the World Bank has engaged itself in the study of the foreign exchange needs of the Plan, so as to enable itself to interpret them to the Consortium countries. While the World Bank is free to make its own suggestions on the economic aspects of the Plan, the question of its having any say and impact in the formulation of policies of Government of India does not arise.

Ceilings on Urban Incomes

*231. **Shri Kolla Venkajiah:**
Shri Vishram Prasad:
Shri Nardeo Snatak:
Shri Kashi Ram Gupta:
Shri Mohan Swarup:
Shri C. M. Kedarla:

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out or attempted to work out the preliminary details for the scheme of Ceilings on Urban Incomes;

(b) if so, the details worked out;

(c) the time required for the preparation of the scheme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?