

Shri Prabhat Kar: May I know whether the leaders of political parties are also included in this term 'very important non-officials'?

Mr. Speaker: They come into prominence only at the time of elections, not normally.

Town Planning Organisation, Delhi

*931. **Shri Shiv Charan Gupta:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Town Planning Organisation has assessed requirements of schools, dispensaries and children's parks in the congested areas of Delhi; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to make these sites available in the interest of the people of Delhi?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Health (Dr. D. S. Raju): (a) The revised Master Plan for Delhi prepared by the Delhi Development Authority recommends space standards for schools, open spaces, health centres, etc. on a sliding scale and the standards vary according to the density of the area. The Plan is now under the consideration of the Government.

(b) After the Master Plan is approved by the Government and comes into force, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, within the jurisdiction of which most of the congested areas of Delhi lie, will have to acquire land that will be required for providing these community facilities.

Shri Shiv Charan Gupta: May I know whether any zonal plans have been prepared indicating these requirements?

Dr. D. S. Raju: They are under preparation.

Shri Shiv Charan Gupta: May I know whether any properties have been transferred by Government? If so, when? May I also know whether

utilisation of these properties for these requirements has been decided?

Dr. D. S. Raju: From evacuee properties, some have been transferred.

Foreign Assistance For Ship Building and Coastal Trade

*932. **Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Will the Minister of Transport and Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether some maritime countries of the world have offered to India their assistance and co-operation in the matter of supplying ships and providing technical skill for ship building with a view to promoting India's coastal trade;

(b) if so, the names of such countries;

(c) whether their proposals are under consideration; and

(d) if so, at what stage the matter stands?

The Minister of Shipping in the Ministry of Transport and Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur): (a) No specific offer of assistance has been received from any country with a view to promoting India's coastal trade.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: With a view to develop coastal trade and shipping, has Government during the last 15 years made an approaches to any of these countries, particularly maritime countries, in regard to this matter?

Shri Raj Bahadur: This is the normal function of the Indian shipping companies. Whenever they want to acquire ships, coastal or overseas, they go about searching and we help them as far as we can in finding suitable shipyards and so on.

Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath: A few days ago the Minister made a statement in reply to another question on the same subject. So may I ask him