

inspection of the Government colonies by the Chief Engineers alongwith the Residents' Welfare Association so as to bring desired interaction and improvement in the functioning of the CPWD?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARU-NACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Government colonies in New Delhi are being maintained properly by the CPWD, in accordance with the prescribed norms with the available funds and these are not lying in a dilapidated condition.

(c) Inspection of Government colonies is being undertaken frequently and meetings with the representatives of the Residents Welfare Associations also are being held at regular intervals or as requested by the Associations, by the Chief Engineers.

[*Translation*]

Tree Plantation Scheme

1592. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to check environmental pollution, Government propose to launch a National Programme of planting trees on the barren private land; and

(b) if so, details thereof

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Under the Social Forestry Programme of State Government and Centrally Sponsored Schemes, tree planting on private, marginal and other wastelands for meeting fuel and fodder needs of the people is already being encouraged through supply of seedlings, technical guidance and financial incentives.

[*English*]

Institution of Urban Development Authority

1593. DR. VISWANATHAM KANITHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to institute a unified and single Urban Development Agency for clearing all the Schemes of States uniformly and independently and to provide all the newly developed areas with the minimum facilities/amenities;

(b) if so, the composition and terms of reference thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to compete with the advanced countries in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARU-NACHALAM): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Urban Development is a State subject and as such there is no proposal for creating a unified Urban Development Agency at the Central level.

[*Translation*]

Ajanta Caves

1594. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ajanta Caves have been included in the World heritage list and are being looked after by the Archaeological Survey of India;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to preserve the paintings; and

(c) the annual expenditure being incurred on the maintenance of paintings and sculptures in the caves?