

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

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) Yes.

(b) The suggestion was approved by the 10th meeting of the Central Council of Health. The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Intensive Programme for Rural Housing

755. Shri Kolla Venkaiah: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the introduction of intensive integrated village housing programme under the village housing projects scheme;

(b) if so, what is the programme; and

(c) what is its cost in the Third Five Year Plan?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Rehabilitation (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) and (b). The suggestion that an intensive integrated rural housing programme on the lines of the Intensive Agricultural District Programme of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture should be implemented in selected Community Development Blocks, was considered at the recent Housing Ministers' Conference held at New Delhi in October, 1962. The Conference recommended that the State Governments should dovetail their village housing programme with the Intensive Agricultural District Programme and select one C.D. Block in each Division of the State for intensifying their efforts under the Village Housing Projects Scheme. It also advised the State Governments to set up adequate planning and co-ordinating agencies in the selected Blocks to ensure proper use of the funds available under the various rural development schemes.

(c) No separate assessment of the cost of the programme has been made

because it is to be met from the overall allocations of the State Governments under the Village Housing Projects Scheme and other rural development schemes.

Plague Cases in Madras and Mysore

756. Shri Bishanchander Seth: Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have deputed an officer to examine and report on the sporadic out-break of plague cases in Mysore and Madras States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, when it is likely to be submitted?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) Yes.

(b) A copy of the report on the plague situation in the States of Mysore, Madras and Andhra Pradesh by Dr. A. M. Francis is already available in the Parliament library.

(c) Does not arise.

Hydro Electric Schemes on Suil River

757. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Punjab Government started investigation of hydro electric scheme on river Suil (Chamba) in Himachal Pradesh areas;

(b) the likely power potential of the scheme;

(c) whether it is a fact that investigations have been stayed as the permission of the Himachal Pradesh Administration to Punjab Government employees to carry on investigations has been withdrawn; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to see that investigation is carried on?