

**सिंचाई और विद्युत् मन्त्रो (डा० कु० ख० राव) :** (क) राजस्थान नहर के पिछले सिरे तथा कांडला के बीच नौमार्गीय सम्पर्क स्थापित करने की सम्भाव्यता का प्राथमिक अध्ययन केन्द्रीय जल तथा विद्युत् आयोग द्वारा किया गया था। इस समय इस पर परिवहन मन्त्रालय विचार कर रहा है।

(ख) इस अवस्था में प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

#### **Rural Housing Schemes**

**419. Shri K. N. Tiwary:** Will the Minister of Works and Housing be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the States have not made use of the funds offered to them for rural housing schemes; and

(b) if so, the reasons given by States for non-utilization of the fund?

**The Minister of Works and Housing (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna):** (a) Yes, it is generally the case.

(b) The reasons are as under:—

(1) The State Governments accord low priority to rural housing. The Block staff also do not give it the same attention as they give to other programmes included in the budget of the Block.

(2) Shortage of qualified technical personnel like Overseers for giving technical guidance at site to villagers and also of skilled labour and craftsmen required in connection with actual construction of houses.

(3) The villagers are generally not in a position to repay the loan assistance available under the Scheme on account of their weak economic condition.

#### **Jawai Bund**

**420. Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to assist the Government of Rajasthan in expanding the Jawai Bund; and

(b) if so, the broad outline of the proposal and the extent of Central assistance required?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao):** (a) No such scheme has yet been proposed by the State Government for consideration. However, State Government are investigating and framing proposals to divert Sai River water into Jawai Reservoir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Shortage of Housing Accommodation in Bombay**

**421. Shri Ram Harkh Yadav:** Will the Minister of Works and Housing be pleased to state:

(a) whether an acute shortage of housing accommodation is being experienced by Central Government employees in Bombay;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to meet the exigency?

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

(b) and (c). Construction of houses could not keep pace with the demand due to non-availability of suitable land. Land has now been acquired and construction of 1320 houses sanctioned. These houses will be in addition to 847 units already available. More houses are also being planned.

#### **Expenditure on Nation Building Activities**

**422. Shri Sivamurthi Swamy:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether any estimate has been made as to the percentage of the total amount of the budget of 1964-65 being spent on nation building activities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari):** (a) and (b). The Budget for 1964-65 provides for an ex-