

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals and of Planning and Social Welfare (Shri Baghuramiah): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Master Plans for Big Cities

663. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States to whom assistance has been given for the preparation of Master Plans for their big cities and towns since 1965-66 so far; and

(b) for which of these cities and towns Master Plans have been prepared?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Iqbal Singh): (a) Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Madras, Maharashtra, Mysore,

Nagaland, Orissa Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal

(b) Gauhati (Assam), Patna (Bihar), Ahmedabad Metropolitan Area (Gujarat) and Faridabad (Haryana).

Mechanised Brick Plants

664 Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:

Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up mechanised brick plants in the country in the near future;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri Iqbal Singh): (a) Four mechanised brick plants have so far been set up by the State Governments and Central Government Public Undertakings at the following places:

Agency setting up the plant.	Location
(1) Brick and Tile Board, West Bengal, Government	Palta (West Bengal)
(2) Jammu and Kashmir Government	Pampore.
(3) Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd. Ranchi	Ranchi.
(4) National Buildings Construction Corporation Ltd. Delhi	Sultanpur (Delhi)

The following authorities are also contemplating to set up mechanised brick plants:

- (i) Madras State Housing Board.
- (ii) Mysore State Housing Board
- (iii) The Capital Projects Circle, P.W.D., Gujrat Government.

(b) and (c). The plant of National Buildings Construction Corporation Ltd. at Delhi is being set up in collaboration with a Rumanian concern. The total cost of this project is estimated to be about Rs. 35 lakhs. It is

expected to go into production shortly and will produce about 4 crore bricks per year. Similar information about the plants at Palta, Pampore and Ranchi is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.

T. B. Clinics

665. Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

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

(a) the number of T. B. clinics which have already been opened and

are functioning in the country at present; and

(b) the form of aid offered to the voluntary organisations which take steps in that direction?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. S. Chandrasekhar): (a) 427.

(b) The following assistance is given to voluntary organisations:

I. Grant for the purchase of equipment like X-ray units, microscopes and other hospital equipment required for treatment of T. B. patients.

II. Grant for improving buildings by additions and alterations.

III. Free supply of Anti-TB drugs to all TB clinics undertaking domiciliary treatment of Tuberculosis.

Power Generation

666. **Shri P. K. Deo:**
Shri G. C. Naik:
Shri K. P. Singh Deo:
Shri A. Dipa:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently Soviet Union have been drilling holes ten miles deep in the crust of the earth to extract heat for purposes of power generation; and

(b) whether similar experiment is proposed to be carried in this country to mitigate the power shortage in this country.

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) According to a report submitted to the International Oceanographic Congress, Moscow, 1966, drilling down to 10 kilometres was in progress in U.S.S.R.

(b) No. However, a Committee was recently set up to study the prospects of geothermal power generation in India.

Price of Gold

667. **Shri Yashpal Singh:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of primary gold have fallen considerably since the formation of new Ministry at the Centre;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) whether it will have any repercussions on the economic conditions of the country?

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Shri Mararji Desai): (a) A fall in the unofficial quotations for primary gold was reported in March, 1967.

(b) Fluctuations in gold prices reflect mainly supply and demand and expectations regarding them.

(c) No, Sir.

Indravati Project in Orissa

668. **Shri P. K. Deo:**
Shri G. C. Naik:
Shri K. P. Singh Deo:
Shri A. Dipa:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether the indravati project in Kalahandi District in Orissa has been recommended by the Orissa Government to be included in the Fourth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) and (b). The Government of Orissa had proposed for investigations of the Indravati Project in their Draft Fourth Five Year Plan proposals submitted to the Planning Commission. The State authorities have been requested to furnish the scheme-wise details in respect of the various schemes proposed under the Fourth Plan, which are awaited.