

was given to the rural areas with population not exceeding 5,000. In the Fourth Plan, this assistance is proposed to be extended to areas with a population upto 20,000.

(b) The required information is given in the statement annexed. [Placed in Library See No LT-279/67.

(c) 98.2 percent of the rural population and 28.5 percent of the urban population in Rajasthan do not have protected water supply facilities.

**Allocation in Fourth Plan for Haryana State**

675. Shri Abdul Ghani Dar: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount under different heads tentatively allotted to the State of Haryana under the Fourth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the total amount under the same heads asked for by the Government of Haryana?

The Minister of Planning, Petroleum and Chemicals and Social Welfare (Shri Asoka Mehta): (a) and (b). A statement is placed on the table of the House indicating by heads of development the Fourth Plan outlays proposed by the State Government and as agreed to after discussion with the former State Chief Minister in November, 1966. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-280(87)]

**Enquiry Committee for Backward Districts of Haryana**

676. Shri Abdul Ghani Dar: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Planning Commission to appoint an enquiry committee to look into the backwardness of districts of Gurgaon, Mohindergarh and Hissar in Haryana on the pattern of the Patel Commission for eastern districts of U. P; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Planning, Petroleum and Chemicals and Social Welfare (Shri Asoka Mehta) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

**Crash Programme to reduce Birth Rate**

677. Shri Yashpal Singh  
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:

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

(a) whether a crash programme for bringing down by 50 per cent the present birth rate in India is envisaged; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. S. Chandrasekhar) (a) Yes. A crash programme is envisaged for bringing down the birth rate from the present 41 per thousand to 25 per thousand as expeditiously as possible.

(b) The reduction in birth rate as mentioned above is to be achieved by gradually increasing the number of couples in the reproductivity age group practising various methods of family planning including sterilization, IUCD insertion, conventional contraceptives and other methods, through extensive educational and motivational efforts and increased supplies and services.

**Implementation of Plan Projects**

678. Shri C. C. Desai: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any concrete measures to ensure proper implementation of plan projects, as per their schedule, in States where non-Congress Ministries have been formed;

(b) if so, the details of the measures taken; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to consult the Chief Ministers of those