

Alleged Irregularities in DDA

4409. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:
SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "DDA has many houses built on paper only" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated September, 14, 1991;

(b) if so, the salient points brought out in the news report and the extent to which the same have been found to be correct;

(c) the action taken in the matter; and

(d) whether no construction work was done during 1990-91 but Rs. 90 crore was shown as having been spent on development work and Rs. 250 crore on construction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPEMNT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The salient points brought out in the Newspaper report are the following:-

- i) Though money has been spent, houses have not been constructed.
- ii) Details of expenditure of nearly Rs. 30 crores from the workers Providend Fund are not available.
- iii) Allotments have not been made under the Ambedkar Awas Yojana and registration fee has not been refunded to those who were not given allotment.
- iv) DDA Rules were being changed to provide for direct recruitment from

outside upto the level of Asstt. Director, affecting promotion opportunities.

- v) A CBI Enquiry be made into the matter of "misappropriation". The issues mentioned in the news report are being looked into.

Floor Cleaning Machines

4410. SHIR R. SRIDHARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether floor cleaning machines are produced in India for domestic market;

(b) if so, the firms that are involved in this production; and

(c) the availability of foreign market for these goods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Vacuum cleaners are being manufactured but floor scrubbing machines are not being manufactured.

(b) M/s Eureka Forbes Ltd., Bhimtal and M/s Facit Asia, Madras are manufacturing vacuum cleaners.

(c) There are prospects of exports of vacuum cleaners to the neighbouring countries.

Increase in Rate of Interest on Provident Fund

4411. SHRIMATI SUSHEELA GOPALAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to enhance the rate of interest on the provident fund contributions of the workers;