

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). The main urban poverty alleviation programme of this Ministry is called the Nehru Rozgar Yojana which was launched in October, 1989. The Yojana has three schemes viz (i) Scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME); (ii) Scheme of Urban Wage Employment (SUWE); and (iii) Scheme of Housing & Shelter Upgradation (SHASU). The progress of the Yojana with regard to its implementation by the States/UTs. is monitored States/UTs, a subsidy to the tune of Rs. 5.89 crores has been sanctioned to the beneficiaries under SUME. Under the training component of this scheme, about 48,500 persons have been trained/ are under-going training. Under SUWE the States/UTs. have reported expenditure of Rs. 110.42 crores as a consequence of which about 197.60 lakh mandays of work has been generated. Under SHASU, the housing and Urban Development Corporation has sanctioned subsidy and loans worth Rs. 52.64 crores and Rs. 204.33 crores respectively involving upgradation of 6,58,072 dwelling units.

In addition, under the scheme of Urban Basic services/Urban Basic Services for the Poor social amenities such as immunization, mother and child health care, pre-school education and assistance to the needy are provided in low income neighborhoods. During 1991-92 Central funds to the tune of Rs. 2 crores and Rs. 20.85 crores have been released to the States/UTs under UBS and UBSP respectively.

(c) According to the estimates made by the Town & Country Planning Organisation of the Ministry, the slum population was projected to be 512,28 lakhs in 1990.

(d) According to the estimate made by the Planning Commission, the percentage of

urban population living below the poverty line in 1987-88 was 20.1%.

Water Supply Facilities

5603. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of the urban population covered with the water supply and sanitation facilities during 1981-1991 as a part of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade; and

(b) The total expenditure incurred in the State sector and the Central sector respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) As per the information furnished by the State Governments and Union Territories, the percentage of the urban population covered with water supply and sanitation facilities at the beginning of the decade, that is in the year 1981 was 77.8% and 27% respectively. The corresponding coverage as on 31.12.90 was 83.81% and 46.76%.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Digging of Wells in Rajasthan

5604. SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan has asked for Central assistance for digging 2 lakh wells during the coming five years;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned to Ra-