

seeking to play a big role in the country's development;

(b) whether Government propose to integrate the workings of such organisations for a coordinated and meaningful utilisation of youth energies with time bound plans; and

(c) if so, the concrete guidelines envisaged and the target dates for implementation?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Problem of growing urbanisation

1052. SHRI S. D. SOMASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the problems of growing urbanisation which have been discussed threadbare at various Housing Ministers' Conferences year by year have been ultimately analysed;

(b) if so, the concrete measures taken or proposed to be taken for arresting population proliferation in urban areas;

(c) the present position in regard to encouragement of growth centres and satellite towns; and

(d) broad outlines of time-bound plans, if any, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) Yes, Sir. and they are continually under review.

(b) The measures being taken at present are for controlling the rapid growth of the large cities and for developing smaller cities and towns with a view to achieving decentralisation and a more balanced settlement pattern.

(c) Though urban development is essentially a State subject, the Central Government has been providing financial assistance under the Schemes of Integrated Urban Development and Development of the National Capital Region, introduced during the 5th Plan period, to supplement the resources of the State Governments for the development of growth centres, satellite towns, etc. The total number of cities and towns assisted so far is 23. With regard to easing the pressure on the cities of Calcutta, Delhi, Bombay and Madras, the urban areas assisted include growth centres/satellite towns such as Haldia and Asansol in West Bengal, Meerut, Gurgaon, Alwar and Panipat in the National Capital Region, New Bombay in Maharashtra and Maraimalai Nagar a satellite town of Madras.

(d) Integrated Urban Development Programmes have been drawn up by State Governments in respect of the cities and towns assisted by the Centre. These programmes cover various sectors of development such as area development, housing, other physical and social infrastructure such as water supply and sewerage, transportation, education, health, etc. The programmes generally have five year phasings and have to be implemented primarily with the funds of the State Governments and the implementing agencies.

Sites and Services Scheme

1054. SHRI S. D. SOMASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the present position in regard to Sites and Services Scheme' for solving the housing problem;

(b) the amount invested by the Central Government for the scheme and the contributions made by the State Government;