

World Bank's Assistance for Improvement of Health of Slum Dwellers

857. SHRI DHARAM BHIKSHAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for the improvement of health of slum dwellers with world Bank's assistance; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the amount of assistance provided, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes.

(b) An VIIIth India Population Project (IPP VIII) for improving the Health and Family Welfare status of slum dwellers is proposed to be implemented with the World Bank assistance in the urban slums of Delhi, Calcutta, Hyderabad and Bangalore. Though the project is yet to be approved by the Government of India, the likely assistance to be provided to the concerned States is as under:-

<i>State/Ut</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Base Cost (Rs. in crores)</i>
1. Delhi	Delhi	35.00
2. West Bengal	Calcutta	75.28
3. Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad	26.03
4. Karnataka	Bangalore	29.05

The project would be implemented for a period of 5 years beginning from 1992-93.

Entrance Test for Admission to R.E.C.

858. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria being followed in filling up of seats in various Regional Engineering Colleges at present;

(b) whether there is any proposal to conduct entrance test for admission to Regional Engineering Colleges on the lines of I.I.T. observing the respective quota fixed for the States; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) 50% of Seats for Under-graduate courses in each of the seventeen Regional Engineering Colleges are filled up by the candidates from the States in which the Regional Engineering Colleges is located. The remaining 50% Seats are filled up by students from other States and Union Territories in the country. The candidates are admitted either on merit or through Entrance Tests which are conducted by the respective States.

(b) and (c). *Regional Engineering Colleges being affiliated to different Universities in the State concerned, there is no proposal to conduct any All India Entrance Test on the lines of I. I. Ts.*

Quit India Movement

859. SHRISATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for the Golden Jubilee celebration of the 'Quit India' Movement, in 1992?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): The Golden Jubilee of the Quit India Movement is being celebrated from August 9, 1992 to August 9, 1993. With a view to celebrating it in a befitting manner, a 25-member National Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister. Its membership is comprised of Ministers of Human Resource Development, Information & Broadcasting and Communication, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Chief Minister of West Bengal, national leaders of the various political parties and other important personalities.

On 9th August 1992, a freedom fighters' meet is proposed to be organised at Red Fort, where Indian National Army veterans and some foreign participants connected with the Movement may be invited to participate, while a 'Kranti Park' may be declared open by unveiling of a plaque. Besides, a commemorative postage stamp and a booklet to mark the Golden Jubilee Celebrations may be released. A book containing the Quit India Resolution and speeches of Mahatma

Gandhi, Pt. Nehru, Maulana Azad and Sardar Patel is being published in all the Indian languages. At Bombay, a children's rally would be held in the morning followed by hoisting of the National Flag at Gowalia Tank, after which, a public meeting would be held which would be addressed by the national leaders of the various political parties.

An appropriate function may be held at Ahmedgarh Fort during August 9-12, 1992.

The State Government have been requested to formulate special programmes to be held at places connected with the Quit India Movement, on the same date on which the event connected with the Movement took place. These would clearly bring out totally non-communal and the nationally integrating spirit of the Movement. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is arranging to produce films/documentaries which would bring out the spirit of patriotism and nationalism, using footage available on the Quit India Movement as also the popular participative nature of the Movement.

Genes Transfer

860. DR. R. MALLU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposed to enact legislation to prevent uncontrolled transfer of invaluable genes or germplasm in the form of bio-material reserves to the developed countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;

(c) if not, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to curb uncontrolled transfer of invaluable genes in the form of bio-material reserve; and