

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the report appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 12.8.1992 regarding degeneration of widows' home in Delhi housing families from the earstwhile East Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what measures have been taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) No such news-item has come to notice in the Hindustan Time in its issue of 12.8.92.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Shortage of Water in Delhi

1780. SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR:
 PROF. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA:
 SHRI ANANTRAO DESHMUKH:
 SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:
 SHRI VISHWESHWAR BHAGAT:
 DR. SUDHIR RAY:
 SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of acute water scarcity in many parts of Delhi;

(b) if so, the area-wise, quantum of water supplied in the morning and evening in summer and winter seasons during 1992;

(c) whether R.K. Puram, Moti Bagh, Srinivaspuri, Gulmohar Park, Lajpat Nagar, Malviya Nagar and Sudershan Park (Moti Nagar) and Janata flats in Vikas Puri are the most affected areas;

(d) if so, the quantum of water needed in the said colonies and the water supplied in Summer and Winter Season of the year 1992; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation and for equal distribution of water to the people of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) It is true that water shortage is experienced in some parts of Delhi especially during Summer and at other times due to shortage of raw water and problems of distribution.

(b) Supply hours in different areas of Delhi are reported to be as under:-

New Delhi Zone and South Zone:- The supply hours now a days are 5.00 A.M. to 6.30 A.M. an 5.30 P.M. to 6.30 P.M. In Dakshinpuri Resettlement Colony and Madangir, water supply s available for 1/2 hours in th morning and 1/2 hours in the evening.

Mehrauli Zone:- Supply in this area is mostly through tubewells and water is supplied in villages varying from 2 hours in the morning/evening to 4 hours in the morning/evening in general. Water supply in Chhatarpur Village is available for about 1 1/2 hours in the morning and 1 1/2 hours in the evening. Water in Mehrauli Town is supplied only for 40 minutes in a day.

Shahdara and Civil Line Zone:- Water in these areas is supplied for most of the time

and for 6 hours in the morning/evening at the tail end.

Rural North: -- Water is supplied 2 hours in the morning/evening by rotation rural villages of this area.

West Zone:— Water is supplied for 2 hours in the morning/evening Janata Flats in Vikas Puri or three storeyed flats constructed by D.D.A. without Under Ground Tank and Boosting arrangement due to which residence above first floor are facing shortage of water.

City & S.P. Zone:— Water is supplied for 4 hours in the morning/evening in most of the areas

Nagafgarh Zone: Water is supplied for 4 hours in the morning/evening by rotation in the rural villages of this area.

Karol Bagh Zone:— Water is supplied for 3 hours in the morning/evening.

Following steps have taken to improve the situation and equal distribution of available water to the people of Delhi:—

(i) Under Ground Reservoir and Booster Pumping Station have been constructed at Punjab Bagh. Water supply to Sundershan Park (Moti Nagar) will be augmented after connecting the rising main with distribution system before the onset of Summer, 1993.

(ii) There is a proposal to construct an Under-Ground Tank and Booster Pumping Station for Janata Flats in Vikas Puri for which D.D.A. is to provide land (free of cost) and cost of Under-Ground Tank

and Boosting arrangement. D.D.A. is yet to provide land and deposit the cost of Under-Ground Tank and Boosting arrangement.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) As against 225 L.P.C.D. of water required as per Standard Yard-stick about 135 L.P.C.D. on an average is supplied to South Delhi which cover all these colonies.

(e) Negotiations are in progress with neighbouring states to meet the future requirements of raw water for Delhi, Under-ground reservoirs and boosting stations have been constructed in a number of places to improve the distribution of available water, while additional treatment plants are commissioned.

Housing Board of DDA

1781. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have abandoned the plan to create an independent Housing Board from the existing housing wing of D.D.A.;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to get up the Board expeditiously?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIM. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c). In the context of the National Housing Policy and the approach to involve the private sector to a greater extent in the construction of houses the proposal to create the independent Housing Board is under review.