

to move forward in the direction of restoration of normalcy in the State.

[English]

### **Housing Projects with French Assistance**

685. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether an expert French team visited India to assist in various Housing Projects;

(b) if so, the details along with the housing projects discussed;

(c) whether any financial assistance is likely to be provided by French Government for housing projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d). As a result of the visit of the Union Minister for Urban Development to France, the French Government sent a six member mission to India during 15th to 18th November, 1992 and held discussions with the officials of the Ministry of Urban Development and various agencies to identify projects in the fields of housing, urban development and building technology for support from the Govt. of France. The mission agreed to consider assistance in the sector of water supply and sewerage, light rail transport, building materials and construction and technical assistance in these areas, The detailed projects in identified areas are under formulation for posing to French Government.

### **Storm water Drains in Government Colonies**

686. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether storm water drains were not desilted/cleaned before the onset of the 1992 Monsoon in the Government employees residential colonies in Delhi resulting into water logging mosquitoes breeding;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to clean and desilt all the drains now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M., ARUNCHALAM): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

### **Indo-Bangladesh Border Fencing**

687. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps are being taken by the Government for the construction of road and fencing of Indo-Bangla Border;

(b) if so, the estimated cost of the fencing and construction of road;

(c) the amount allocated for this purpose during 1992-93;

(d) the target set for the construction of road and fencing of Indo-Bangla Border in 1992-93 and remaining years of Eighth Plan; and