

addition a scheme for flood proofing in North Bihar costing about Rs.230 crores has also been formulated. These have been sent to State Government for formulating individual schemes after carrying out detailed ground surveys.

(c) A provision of Rs. 251.71 crores under flood control sector have been made in 8th Five Year Plan for Bihar. An additional amount of Rs. 40 crores has also been provided in 8th plan in Central Sector for flood proofing schemes in Ganga Basin States including Bihar.

(d) to (f) No new schemes have been received.

#### **Ambedkar Bhawan**

4179. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:  
SHRI K.G. SHIVAPPA:  
SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for constructing Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Bhawan at the district headquarters throughout the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount sanctioned by the Government for the purpose; and

(d) the time by which the task is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU): (a) No Sir, the Ministry of Welfare, Government of India has not undertaken any proposal for constructing Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Bhawan at the dis-

trict headquarters throughout the country.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

#### **Blood Banks**

4180. SHRI PETER G. MARBANIANG: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of blood banks with their locations functioning at present in Meghalaya;

(b) the number of these blood banks using AIDS testing equipments;

(c) whether the Government propose to equip all the blood banks in the state with AIDS testing equipments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) There are nine Blood Banks in Meghalaya--three located at Shillong, and one each at Tura, Jowai, Williamnagar, Nongpoh, Nongstoin & Baghmara.

(b) Blood Bank of Pasteur Institute Shillong has been equipped with AIDS Testing (Elisa Reader) equipment. This centre functions as Zonal Blood Testing Centre and provides linkages to the one military and two private blood banks in Shillong.

(c) and (d) HIV testing facilities viz. Rapid Test Kits, have been provided to all the 6 district blood banks.

#### **Underweight LPG Cylinders**

4181. SHRI A. VENKATESHNAIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints about the sale of under weight cylinders by LPG agencies and adulteration in petrol by petrol pumps in Karnataka during 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against the agencies/petrol pumps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH KUMAR SHARMA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### **National Police Telecommunication System**

4182. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA:  
SHRI MOHAN SINGH  
(DEORIA):

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have abandoned the proposal to update the National Police Telecommunication System;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if no, the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, since the time the project was first formulated, there have been developments in technology and cost escalations etc. It has necessitated a revision of the project.

[*Translation*]

#### **Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.**

4183. PROF. (SMT.) RITA VERMA: will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether despatch by the Bharat Coking Coal Limited has increased during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the expenditure incurred by BCCL on private transportation annually.

(d) whether equipments and machines have been purchased by BCCL during the last two years; and

(e) if so, the details alongwith expenditure incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Details of despatches of raw coal from Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL) during the years 1991-92 to 1993-94 are given below:

1991-92	25.181 m.t
1992-93	26.720 m.t
1993-94	28.494 m.t.(provisional)

(c) The total amounts paid by BCCL to transport contractors during the years 1991-92 to 1993-94 were as under:

	(Rs. in lakhs)
1991-92	1267.65
1992-93	2017.00
1993-94	2879.00 (provisional)