

**Rashtriya Pariyojana Nigam Ltd.**

672. SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE:  
Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES  
be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to  
revamp and revitalise the Rashtriya  
Pariyojana Nigam Limited; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS-  
TRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K.  
THUNGON) (a) and (b). The Revival Plan of  
Reshtriya Pariyojana Nirman Nigam (RPNN)  
as approved in an inter-ministerial meeting  
held in August, 1992 has not been found  
viable by the Ministry of Finance. The Stand-  
ing Committee on Agriculture has recom-  
mended revamping and revitalisation of the  
RPNN. The matter is under consideration.

[*Translation*]

**Leprosy Eradication**

673. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL  
KATHERIA:  
SHRI VISHWANATH  
SHASTRI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAM-  
ILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of Leprosy  
patients has increased in the country;

(b) if so, the number of patients in each  
State at present;

(c) the funds allocated under the Na-  
tional Leprosy Eradication Programme dur-  
ing 1992-93 and 1993-94; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government  
for complete eradication of this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY  
WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b).  
The number of leprosy patients has de-  
creased. The statewide number of patients  
is given in the statement enclosed.

(c) The approved outlays under the  
NLEP during the year 1992-93 & 1993-94  
are as under:

<i>Year</i>	<i>(Rs. in lakhs)</i>
1992-93	3500
1993-94	6070

(d) The latest steps taken by the Gov-  
ernment in this direction Inter-alia include  
extension of Multy 'Drugs Therapy (NDT)  
services in all the Districts by the end of  
current year, intensification of community  
awareness activities and strengthening of  
deformity and ulcer care services.