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since 1989. It could not be disposed off it did not attract any bidders in auction in the past.

(c) and (d). The Delhi Development Authority held fresh auction of the tower on 17.10.94 and received one conditional bid.

[Translation]

Property of Swamy Dhirendra Brahmachari

- 137. SHRI MAHESH KANODIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State:
- (a) whether the Government propose to acquire the property of late Swamy Dhirendra Brahmachari in the country;
 - (b) if so, the details of the said property; and
- (c) the effective measures proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON, (a) to (c): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Promotion of Small Scale Industries

- 138. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether constant encouragement is being given to set up small scale industries in the courtry;
- (b) if so, the total number of small scale industries set up in the country between March, to October, 1994;
- (c) whether the number of sick small scale industrial units has also increased during the said period:
 - (d) if so, the number of such units; and
- (e) the total amount invested by the Nationalised Banks and other financial institutions in these sick units vis-a-vis non-sick units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) (a) yes, Sir.

- (b) The total No. of Small Scale Units set up between March 1991 and March 1994 (latest available) is 4.36 lakhs units.
- (c) and (d) As per latest data available from Reserve Bank of India, the number of sick units in March 91, March 92 and March 93 were 2,21,472 2,575 and 2,38,874 respectively.

The number of sick units has declined between March 1992 and March 1993.

(e) The amount outstanding with the sick SSI units was Rs. 2792.04 crores by the end of March, 1991 and Rs. 3411.21 crores by the end of March 1993 (as per latest data available from Reserve Bank of India).

Total amount advanced (outstanding) by Public Sector Banks to SSI units increased from Rs. 16783 crores at the end of March 1991 to Rs. 19, 388 crores at the end of March 1993.

Jhuggi Jhopri Clusters in Government Colonies

- 139. DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the names of Government colonies where the cluster of Jhuggi-Jhopries exist;
- (b) whether the Government propose to shift these Jhuggi-Jhopries from the Government land; and
- (c) if so, the time by which these Jhuggi-Jhopries are likely to be shifted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUNGON) (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

[English]

User Trials of 'Pinaka' Rocket

- 140. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the new indigenously built ground-based rocket system 'pinaka' has been given user trials recently;
- (b) if so, the main features of the rocket indicating its efficacy and usefulness to the army; and
- (c) the time by which this rocket is likely to be introduced in army?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) No, Sir, Flight tests held in Nov. 1994 were part of on-going technical trials, which are a prelude to the user trials.

- (b) The quick reaction vehicle mounted multi barrel reocket launcher system 'PINAKA' is capable of accurately firing, from its 12—barrel launcher, salvo of surface-to-surface rockets of range upto 40 km to saturate and neutralise the target area.
- (c) The rocket system will soon enter users trails after successful completion of which it is expected to be introduced into the service.

[Translation]

Bio-Gas Programme

- 142. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Government have achieved the targets fixed under bio-gas programme; and
 - (b) if so, the targets achieved, state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAP): (a): yes, Sir. A total of over 42,700 family type and 30 community, institutional and night soil based biogas plants have already been set up during the period April to October, 1994; against a target of 2.00 lakh family type and 200