[English]

Transport System in Metropolitan Cities

- 372. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAV-INCHANDRA MEHTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) the steps Government propose to take to strength the public transport system in Metropolitan cities like Delhi, Calcutta, Madras and Bombay in view of the Study Report of the Central Institute of Road Transport, Pune, predicting mega transport collapse;
- (b) the specific plans for strengthening bus transport system Greater Bombay; and
- (c) the progress of introducing metrorail system in Greater Bombay?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVEL-OPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c). Urban Transport is a State subject. However, recognising the acuteness of the problems faced by the urban areas the Government of India is attaching a lot of importance to the strengthening of the public transport system.

Works on the construction of metropolitan rail systems in Calcutta, Bombay and Madras are already under progress. A section of the metro-system of Calcutta has already become operational. The work on the extension of the railway line from Mankhurd to Belapur with a bridge across Thane Creek is under progress. The Rail India Technical & Economic Services Ltd. (RITES) have been entrusted by the Delhi Administration with the task of preparing a detailed Feasibility Report for a Mass Transit System for Delhi. The Report is due by May, 1990. Road transport has also been strengthened in some of the cities including Bombay through externally aided projects. For example Bombay Urdan Transport Project which was completed in 1986 included financing procurement of 700 busses and related chasis component; construction of 3 bus depots and a workshops; construction of 11 bus shelters/terminil and execution of traffic engineering scheme in 40 locations in addition to providing training facilities etc. to the Bombay Municipal Corporation, BEST and other executing agencies.

Central Legislation on Landless Agricultural Workers

- 373. SHRI RAM SAJIWAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government have accepted in principle the need to bring forward a central legislation on landless agricultural workers; and
- (b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Central legislation for Agricultural Workers was one of the recommendations made at the National Seminar on Agricultural Workers held recently.

(b) This is under consideration.

Land to Cooperative Group Housing Societies

- 374. SHRI RAM SAGAR (Saidpur): Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given on 3 May, 1989 to starred Question No. 820 and state:
- (a) whether the Delhi Urban-Arts Commission has since approved the plan for allotment of land to Cooperative Group Housing Societies;
 - (b) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) whether the need to construct flats for those already registered under various schemes with the DDA for flats has been kept in view before releasing the land to Group House Societies?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVEL-OPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b). The Delhi Urban Art Commission has since approved the conceptual land use plan for part-1 of the project named 'Dwarka' which, inter-alia, caters to the requirement of land for allotment to Co-operative Group Housing Societies.

(c) Yes Sir.

Construction of D.D.A. Flats

375. SHRIRAM SAGAR (Saidpur): Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the flats constructed by the DDA during the current year and locations thereof, category-wise;
- (b) whether the DDA propose to achieve the targets fixed for the construction of flats for 1989-90:

- (c) the action plan drawn for the construction of flats during 1990-91; and
- (d) the targets fixed for allotment of flats to all registrants?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVEL-OPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The category-wise details of flats constructed by the DDA during the current financial year till February, 90 and location thereof are given in the Statement below:

- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) During the year 1990-91, it is proposed to construct 12,600 houses in different localities of Delhi.
- (d) The target for construction/completion of the houses for the remaining remaining registrants are as follows localities of Delhi.

1990-91		12, 600	
1991-92		19, 000	
1992-93	_	26,000	
1993 -94	_	26,500	
Total		84,100	