

plantation, constructive work in adopted village and slums, work in welfare institutions, blood donation, adult and non-formal education, health, nutrition, family welfare, AIDS awareness campaign, etc. Under Special Camping Programme, a camp of 100 day's duration is conducted every year in the adopted area on a specific theme like 'Youth Against Famine', 'Youth Against Dirt and Disease', 'Youth for Afforestation and Tree Plantation', 'Youth for Rural Reconstruction', 'Youth for Development', 'Youth for Mass Literacy' etc.

[Translation]

#### Financial assistance to Sugar Mills

1857. SHRI N.J. RATHVA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has requested the Union Government for maximum financial assistance from Sugar Development Fund to raise the sugarcane production in the State;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals received by the Government so far in this regard;

(c) the number out of those cleared so far; and

(d) the reasons for not clearing the remaining proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Loans from the Sugar Development Fund are granted to sugar mills for development of sugarcane in their areas of operation. The applications are considered on the recommendations of the State Government.

(b) Ever since the establishment of the SDF, nine proposals have been received from sugar mills in Gujarat through the State Government.

(c) Loans have been sanctioned in eight cases.

(d) In one case, the availability of sugarcane in the area was already in excess of the requirement of the mill. As such, the application was considered.

[English]

#### Water Pollution in Urban Areas

1858. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have studied the recent published Report 'State of urbanisation in Asia and the Pacific, 1993' of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP);

(b) if so, whether any long-term plan has been chalked out by the Government to check the water pollution in urban areas of the country and if so, the broad features thereof;

(c) whether the Report also mentions the stunning coliform count in Yamuna in Delhi, when the river leaves the city and this stretch of Yamuna receiving about 20 million litres of industrial effluents, including 5 lakh liters of DDT wastes per day; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to check water pollution and environmental degradation?