

Organisation Private Consumption Deflator (as a proxy for rise in the price of the consumption basket).

(b) to (d) The estimates of poverty are based on the National Sample Survey (NSS) data on Household Consumption expenditure. The estimates for 1983-84 are based on the 38th Round of the National Sample Survey. The next Survey will be undertaken only in 1988 or 1989 and, therefore, it is not possible to know the net change in the number of persons crossing the poverty line due to the updating of the poverty line.

**Meetings/Seminars for promoting peace**

6752. SHRI MULLAPPALY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any meetings/seminars have been held by India or whether India has participated in any meetings/seminars as part of promoting peace in this year of peace; and

(b) if so, the dates and the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) & (b) A National Preparatory Committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of the Minister of State for External Affairs to commemorate the International Year of Peace. The Committee which will be meeting shortly will draw up a detailed programme of activities for commemoration at the national level.

The UN has not so far organised any meetings/seminars on this subject this year. However, on 16 September '86 the UN proposes to organise a meeting at UN Headquarters in New York to commemorate the Year. India will be participating at this meeting.

**Setting up of technical centres for welfare of handicapped**

6753. SHRI KRISHNA SINGH :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Technical Centre to develop aids and appliances for the handicapped with foreign technology is proposed to be set up in Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) No, Sir. However, the Ministry of Welfare is considering establishment of a Centre for evaluation, standardisation and improvement of aids and appliances for the handicapped in India. The Centre will also help development of technical cooperation between the Indian manufacturers and foreign agencies in transfer and adaptation of appropriate technology.

(b) The details are being worked out.

**Cases of jail break in Tihar Jail**

6754. SHRI SIMON TIGGA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that more than half a dozen cases of jail break have been reported from the high security Tihar Central Jail, Delhi in the last three years alone;

(b) details of the jail break in the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what action has been taken/is being taken against the officials concerned; and

(d) what safety measures are being contemplated to check incidents of jail break ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes.

(b) The break-up of instances of jail breaks is as follows :

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