

(b) whether any mid-term review has been undertaken in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c) As the mid-term review is yet to be undertaken, no details are available at this stage.

Import of drilling rigs from foreign countries

3840. SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA :

SHRI SUBHASH YADAV :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of drinking water in the whole of Madhya Pradesh this year owing to inadequate and irregular rainfall;

(b) whether tube wells have to be drilled in Madhya Pradesh in various rocky strata, mixed with alluvium, for which additional drilling rigs are required urgently and the rigs are not available in sufficient quantity in the country;

(c) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh have approached Union Government for clearance of applications for the import of such drilling rigs from foreign countries and if so, whether the clearance has been given;

(d) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(e) the time by which the clearance will be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) Yes, Sir. Madhya Pradesh require additional rigs but rigs are available in the country.

(c) No, Sir. However, one all-terrain rigs has been allocated to the State through UNICEF assistance.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Does not arise.

Bonded Labour

3841. SHRI PRAKASH CHANDRA :

SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR :

SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :

SHRIMATI PRABHAWATI GUPTA :

DR. G. S. RAJHANS :

SHRI AMARSINH

RATHAWA :

SHRI K. PRADHANI :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether according to the findings of the study team appointed by Parliamentary Consultative Committee, bonded labour is still in existence in various parts of the country particularly in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to eliminate bonded labour from the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) The study team is yet to submit its report.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.