

**Constraints on Lower Income People's Housing Efforts**

5. SHRI R. M. BHOYE:  
SHRI H. B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make housing essentially a "people's activity", with the public sector concentrating on the low income and poor people;

(b) whether the identification of constraints on the private effort has been made; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Government and its agencies will concentrate on the role as promoter and facilitator of housing activity with enablement strategies for people to participate in the housing process with a view to boosting housing activity.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) These relate to lack of accessibility to housing finance, scarcity of land in urban areas and non availability of low cost building materials.

**Production of Bio-Gas and Organic Manure**

6. SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to divert the animal and plant wastes being used as fuel largely to production of Bio-gas and organic manure;

(b) whether Research and Development is proposed to be stepped up to ensure

better production of bio-gas and organic manure; and

(c) whether controlled studies are proposed to be taken up to critically evaluate organic manure vs. chemical fertilisers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) (a) Yes Sir, a National Project on Bio-gas development being implemented under the aegis of Deptt. of Non-conventional Energy Sources, ensures larger and better utilisation of animal and plant wastes for production of Bio-gas and organic manures.

(b) Yes Sir, research investigations have been undertaken by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research under All India Coordinated Projects to hasten the decomposition of organic wastes for production of manure and to develop low cost bio-gas technology using alternate feed stocks other than cattle dung as well as utilisation of spent bio-gas slurry for manurial purpose. The Deptt. of Non-conventional Energy Sources have also supported 50 Research and Development Projects to improve the efficiency of bio-gas plants utilising diverse feedstocks.

(c) Under the All India Coordinated Agronomic Project of Indian Council of Agricultural Research and in Agricultural Universities the on-going research programmes cover the area of quantifying the effect of organic manures on crop yield and the extent to which they will supplement the requirement of fertilisers.

**Development Charges for laying of Water Pipes in Trans-Yamuna Area**

7. SHRI SODE RAMAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether concerned authorities have asked owners of houses in regularised unauthorised colonies in Laxmi Nagar,