

(a) whether a scheme had been proposed some time back for the re-development of the Walled City of Delhi known as Shahjahanabad;

(b) whether the people living in this area are facing acute civic and health problems due to heavy congestion; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to provide relief to the residents of this area?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir.

(c) An action plan for Urban Renewal of the Walled City having broadly the following components which has been approved in principle by the Government is expected to provide relief to the residents of this area:--

- (i) Commercial decongestion;
- (ii) Upgrading of physical and social infrastructure;
- (iii) Traffic and Transportation Management and Regulation;
- (iv) Conservation and restoration of historical buildings; and
- (v) Revitalisation of residential areas.

Action to implement the above scheme has already been initiated.

[Translation]

Fault in AIR Station, Patna

2438. SHRI SARFARAZ AHMAD :
SHRIMATI MANORAMA SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Patna Station of A.I.R. is often off the air for long spells and no link is established between the studio and the transmitting station;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and since when the station started being off the air; and

(c) the steps taken to rectify the fault and the time by which it is likely to be rectified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI A.K. PANJA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There was a cable fault between the studio and transmitter of the All India Radio Station at Patna. This has already been rectified by the P&T authorities. During the period of the fault, programmes were broadcast directly from the Emergency studio of the transmitter without any deviation in the radio service.

Distribution of Minikits to farmers in Uttar Pradesh

2439. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of minikits distributed among the small and marginal farmers of Uttar Pradesh has been reduced this year;

(b) the reasons for reducing the number of minikits when there is a shortage of pulses and oilseeds due to drought conditions;

(c) whether distribution of fertilizers and agricultural implements which used to be provided free of cost alongwith minikits has also been stopped; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):
(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At the first instance, due to reduction in the over all plan funds layouts, the State