

gave its approval for construction of high-rise buildings with several storeys in New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether this concept of bringing up multistoreyed buildings in New Delhi is in keeping with the concept under which the city was originally built;

(c) whether the construction of more multi-storeyed buildings will not add to the congestion in the metro-polis with fast growing population; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto keeping in view all these factors and also the fire hazards to which high rise buildings are subjected to?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) to (d). Guidelines about regulating high-rise construction in Delhi have been recently issued by the Govt. after considering various points of view. These guidelines take into account the historical character of the city as well as its changing needs, and optimum utilisation of valuable urban and consistent with the needs of containing congestion and pollution and related matters.

The bye-laws and regulations of the Local Bodies already contain provisions relating to fire hazards arising out of high-rise construction.

New Method to Stop Pregnancy

23. **SHRI SOMNATH RATH:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new method to prevent conception has been discovered by the researchers of the Centre for Advanced Research in Reproduction in Biology at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 29 September, 1988;

(b) whether Government have examined the new discovery; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c). Estrogen, the female hormone is essential in the implantation process in the non-human primate. Preliminary studies at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore have indicated that the drug Tamoxifen interferes with the implantation in bonnet monkeys due to its anti-estrogenicity. Studies have been taken up in Indian Council of Medical Research for confirming efficacy of the drug.

Eradication of Mosquitoes in Delhi

24. **PROF. P.J. KURIEN:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mosquito menace has increased in the capital of late;

(b) whether the anti-mosquito drive in the Capital has slackened;

(c) the number of times anti-mosquito operations were carried out in Delhi during the last one year; and

(d) the steps being taken to eradicate mosquitoes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Mosquito menace has increased in the capital due to heavy rains.

(b) No.

(c) Regular anti-larval measures and focal insecticidal spray are being done by the local bodies.

(d) The following steps are being taken to control the mosquito menace in the capital.

(1) Regular anti-larval measures in the mosquito breeding places with