

(c) if so, whether any enquiry was held and those responsible asked to explain or punished; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor, and the steps taken by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences to prevent recurrence of such failures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJKHAPARDE):

(a) and (b). On receipt of complaints about discrepancies/non-receipt of hall tickets by candidates intending to appear in the All India Entrance examination for admission to MD/MS Courses, the Test was postponed.

(c) and (d). The applications numbering about 18,000 were re-checked both through Computer as well as manually and hall tickets for the examination on the 19th February, 1989 issued. Each candidate was sent a fresh letter confirming the Roll Number, Registration Number and Examination Centre. The revised date for the examination was notified in the national newspapers. It was also telecast on National Network of T.V. The Computer firm who were entrusted with the work of processing the applications has been asked to thoroughly investigate as to how discrepancies occurred so as to enable the Institute to take remedial steps to improve the Computer programme to avoid recurrence of such discrepancies.

Fellowships of National Institute of Urban Affairs

110. SHRI MANIK REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of

Urban Affairs, New Delhi, the Institute of Housing Studies, Rotterdam and HUDCO have started a programme for the grant of fellowships;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of fellowships that have been awarded under this Scheme so far and the value thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):

(a) and (b). The Indian Human Settlements Programme was started in 1985 as part of technical collaboration agreement with the Government of Netherlands. The programme is being implemented as joint collaboration between Housing & Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) through the Human Settlements Management Institute and the Institute for Housing Studies (IHS), Rotterdam. Earlier the National Institute for Urban Affairs (NIUA), was also a party to the joint collaboration. However, in 1987, NIUA's participation was withdrawn.

As a part of the programme, the IHS grants fellowships for various research proposals. The Research investigations are organised as a contracted research cycle. Each year, twelve research projects are implemented, covering workshop subjects viz., housing project finance, settlement design, neighbourhood improvement and slum upgradation, low cost infrastructure participatory construction management cost recovery and estate management, Urban land management and Computer application in human settlement planning.

(c) So, far, two cycles of twelve research fellowships each have been completed. The third research cycle is under way. Each fellowship has a maximum value of Rs. 45,000/-