

Provision of houses in urban and rural areas

109. SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many families require houses in the rural areas;

(b) how many families have been provided with one house in rural areas in the last two years;

(c) how many families had houses in urban areas;

(d) how many families were provided with houses in urban areas; and

(e) what steps Government propose to provide houses in rural and urban areas in future?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) According to an estimate made by the National Buildings Organisation, the housing shortage in the rural areas of the country at the beginning of the Fifth Five Year Plan, i.e., on 1st April 1974, was of the order of 11.8 million units.

(b) According to the information furnished by 13 State Governments and 7 Union Territory Administrations, the number of houses/huts provided in their rural areas during the year 1975-76 and 1976-77 was 3,33,151. The information from the remaining State Governments and Union Territory Administrations in this regard has not been received.

(c) and (d). It has been estimated by the National Buildings Organisation that on the eve of the Fifth Plan, the number of households and the usable housing stock in urban areas were 21.7 and 17.9 million respectively, indicating a housing shortage of 3.8 million units.

(e) The main thrust of the housing programmes in the Fifth Plan is

directed towards ameliorating the conditions of the backward sections of the society. This is sought to be achieved by augmenting the programmes for the construction of housing colonies by State Housing Boards and by taking up on a large scale, a programme for the provision of house sites for landless labourers in rural areas. While the bulk of this programme is being undertaken in the State Plans, the activities of the Housing and Urban Development Corporation in the Central sector are being geared up to meet the expanding demand. In the Fifth Plan, an outlay of Rs. 510.56 crores is provided for implementation of the State sector housing schemes and the subsidised Housing Scheme for Plantation Labourers, which is in the Central Sector.

Demands of students and teachers in States

110. SHRIMATI PARVATHI KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that in number of States students and teachers are agitating for their demands;

(b) if so, the main features thereof; and

(c) what is the Central Government's directive to the State Governments on these demands?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) to (c). Yes Sir, the main demands of the students include abolition of compulsory attendance, postponement of examinations, providing better amenities etc. In the case of teachers, it is mainly the implementation of the UGC's revised scale of pay, payment of remuneration for examination work and anomalies in pay fixation.