

## Development Schemes for Cities in Madhya Pradesh

RAGHUBIR SINGH 1917. SHRI MACHHAND: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUP-PLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state whether Madhya Pradesh Government have submitted two integrated urban development schemes for Khajuraho and Durg Bhilai cities and if so, when and the reasons for delay in according approval thereon?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND RE-HABILITATION (SHRI S!KANDAR BAKHT): Yes, Sir. The project proposals were received in March, 1977. These did not conform to the guidelines framed for assistance at that time, since only cities with a population of more than 3 lakhs were eligible for assistance. The guidelines were revised subsequently to cover cities with population over 50,000 and the State Government was requested to revise the projects according to the revised guidelines. Due to uncertainty about the continuance of the scheme in the Central and centrally sponsored Sector, the programmes of new cities are not being considered at present for assistance under Integrated Urban Development Programme.

## Improving lot of Children

1918. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state the measures Government propose to take to improve the lot of the children during the current vear?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI RENUKA DEVI BARA-KATAKI): The Government of India has drawn up a National Plan of Action for International Year of the Child, which has been approved by the National Children's Board under the presidentship of the Prime Minister. The National Plan of Action envisages undertaking of specific programmes in the fields of: -

- (i) health and nutrition
- (ii) education
- (iii) social welfare
- (iv) legislation
- (v) publicity
- (vi) fund-raising

General theme of the International Year of the Child in India is "Reaching the Deprived child's signifying that