

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) The Bombay Municipal Corporation has undertaken an integrated water supply and sewerage scheme with the assistance from the International Development Association in two phases costing Rs. 200 crores and 350 crores respectively. The International Development Association Credit for first phase is 55 million US Dollars and for the second phase is 196 million US Dollars. However, the credits from the International Development Association are received by the Government of India and not by the State Governments. Credits received from International Development Association carry no interest but only a service charge of 0.75 per cent per annum.

(b) and (c). No, Sir. The interest rate on loans sanctioned by the Central Government are prescribed taking into account the overall cost of Central borrowings from various sources including domestic borrowings. On most of the loans advanced to State Governments by the Central Government interest at the rate of 5½ per cent is charged with a rebate of ¼ per cent for timely payments. This is a concessional rate. Further as Plan assistance to States is partly by way of loan and partly by way of grants, the effective rate of interest works out to be less than 5½ per cent depending upon the grant component of the assistance. The water supply project in Bombay is financed from the internal resources of the Municipal Corporation and plan allocations made by the State Government.

Death of Delhi School Students

7501. **SHRI CHANDRA BHAL MANI TEWARI:** Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students, died in the various Government Boys Higher Secondary Schools, Delhi, during the last five years while on study tours in the various parts of

the country, swimming, and picnics; and

(b) what action had been taken against the principals of the Schools for the death caused to the students of their schools during study tour, picnics, swimings etc.?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) According to information furnished by the Delhi Administration during the last five years three students of the Government Boys Higher Secondary School No. 2 West Patel Nagar, New Delhi, died in an accident during a study tour.

(b) The teachers in charge of the tour who did not exercise responsible control were subjected to disciplinary proceedings and punished. No action was called for against the Principal.

Damage to Potatoes in Cold Storage in Samastipur, Bihar

7502. **SHRI RAM SINGH SHAKYA:** Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that potatoes worth about Rs. 2 crores left in the cold storage in Samastipur of Bihar were damaged due to power shortage in 1979-80; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b). As per information available 20,000 quintals of potatoes were damaged in one of the cold storages in Samastipur during 1979-80. The information regarding the value of potatoes damaged and the causes for the damage is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.