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## W.H.O. and UNICEF help for supply of Potable water

2641. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJ-PAYEE: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only 80 per cent of the Urban and 24 per cent of the rural population are supplied potable water;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in consultation with the World Bank, W.H.O. and UNICEF, an oulay has been prepared in this regard envisaging for Rs. 3,046 crores for the Urban and Rs. 2,432 crores for rural sectors; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and specific steps taken and to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIA-MENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) According to last estimates, about 82 per cent of the urban and 30 per cent of the rural population are supplied potable water.

(b) and (c). The outlays for water supply and sanitation in the Sixth Five Year Plan amount to Rs. 39222.02 crores of which the outlay for rural water supply amounts to Rs. 2007.11 crores. These outlays have not been prepared in consultation with international agencies. High priority has been accorded in the Sixth Five Year Plan to the provision of safe drinking water to the problem villages in the country. The Plan also recognizes the need for continued priority for adequate water supply in the larger 107

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cities as well as greater attention to the needs of smaller and medium towns.

## Villages without Drinking Water Source

2642. SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUS-ING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages which have no source of drinking water in the country;

(b) the number of villages which have no source of water in Gujarat;

(c) the programme for covering these difficult villages in the coming 5 years and the outlay proposed to be made for the purpose; and

(d) the number of villages which will still remain to  $b_e$  coevred after covering the villages in the next 5 years?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) The number of problem villages (i.e. those which do not have an assured source of drinking water within a reasonable distance of say 1.6 km., or those where the source of water is endemic to diseases like cholera, guinea-worm, etc., or those where the water has excess of salinity, iron, fluorides or other toxic elements hazardous to health) in the country as on 1-4-80 was more than 2 lakts.

(b) 5318 problem villages as on 1-4-1980.

(c) and (d) The programme is to cover all the problem villages in the country during the sixth plan period. The outlay in the sixth plan for rural water supply is Rs. 2007.11 crores.

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Water Treatment Plant Lying Idle

2643. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: SHRI N. K. SHEJWALKAR: SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: SHRI CHINTAMANI PANI-GRAHI: SHRI K. A. RAJAN: SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: SHRI DHARAMBIR SINHA:

Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a water treatment plant worth about Rs. 7 crores is lying idle with the Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking for the last two years;

(b) if so, the reasons for keeping this machinery idle especially in view of acute water shortage in the Capital; and

(c) the nature of steps that are proposed to be taken to put this plant to use now?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The installed capacity of the Water Treatment Plant at Hyderpur is 100 MGD. Since April, 1978 half of the installed capacity is being used. The estimated cost of this plant, including allied works, was Rs. 1293 lakhs.

(b) The Government of Haryana have yet to complete the work of byepass arrangements for supply of additional raw water which would enable the plant to be worked to its full capacity.

(c) Haryana Government have been expedited to complete the work of hyppass arrangements and they have promised to complete the same.

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