

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-  
TARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS  
AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA  
NARAIN SINGH) : (a) It is a fact  
that such a statement was issued.  
But the Municipal Corporation of  
Delhi has denied that the storm water  
drains, etc. have not been cleared.  
The Corporation has informed that  
cleaning, dewatering and desilting of  
storm water drains, sewers and nullahs  
is a continuous process. Every year  
during the months of April, May  
and June, a special pre-monsoon drive  
is launched by the Corporation to  
ensure that rain water gets proper  
outlet during monsoons. Such a  
drive was launched this year as well.  
Vegetation from inside nullahs was  
also removed during the drive.  
However, as a natural process, the  
vegetation grows again and silt also  
keeps on collecting in due course.  
But cleaning and desilting is done  
continuously by the Corporation.

((b) to (d). Do not arise in view  
of the reply to part (d) above.

#### Completion of Hotel at Windsor Place

4507. SHRI R. N. RAKESH :  
SHRI J.S. PATIL :  
SHRI RAM PRASAD  
AHIRWAR :  
SHRI RATANSINH RAJDA :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s.  
Pure Drinks (New Delhi) Limited  
have been allotted Hotel Site at Wind-  
sor Place, New Delhi for ASIAD 82;

(b) if M/s. Pure Drinks has not  
been able to complete hotel for  
ASIAD 82, what will be the penalty;  
and

(c) whether Government will revoke  
the arrangements and takeover the  
site in case the party is unable to  
complete the project in due time ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIA-  
MENTARY AFFAIRS AND  
WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI  
BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a)  
to (c). Government have not allotted  
any hotel sites to M/s. Pure Drinks  
(New Delhi) Ltd.

#### Potentiality of Medicinal Herbs Plants

4508. DR. VASANT KUMAR  
PANDIT: Will the Minister of AGRI-  
CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made  
any special attempt to assess the poten-  
tial wealth in the form of Medicinal  
Herbs Plants, and rare botanical  
specimens found in the Himalayan  
and other forest ranges in the country ;

(b) if so, details of such recent  
surveys and the findings thereof ;

(c) what plans have been drawn to  
tap sources of medicinal herbs used  
in preparing Life-Saving drugs, other  
formulations and cosmetics on com-  
mercial lines ;

(d) whether Government have plan  
to take over the Pharmaceutical La-  
boratory at Ranikhet to develop herb  
wealth in the Kumaon Range of the  
Himalayas on a National level ; and

(e) if so, details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN  
THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICUL-  
TURE AND RURAL DEVELOP-  
MENT (SHRI R. V. SWAMINA-  
THAN): (a) Potential of Wealth in  
the form of Medicinal Herb Plants  
and rare botanical specimens found in  
Himalayan and other forest ranges in  
the country is well documented.

(b) Details are available in authori-  
tative books like "Wealth of India"  
(Govt. of India Publication) and  
Chopra's "Indigenous Drug of India".