THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) and (b). Kitchen sinks are being provided in some type IV quarters on requests of the allottees, subject to availability of funds. Requests for provision of sinks have been refused in the past for want of adequate funds.

(c) In view of constraints of financial resources, no time limit can be indicated.

## Arrangements for Supply of Drinking Water in Rural Areas

1610. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to 1 ate:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre has asked the State Governments to give special attention to the needs of weaker sections, especially the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes while making arrangements for adequate drinking water supply in tural areas;

- (b) have the State Governments taken steps to implement the same; and
  - (c) the results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARA-IN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). From the information furnished so far by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, progress reported is as follows:

Population (according to the 1971 census)

benefited (in thousands)

Year				,	Total bene- fited	S. C. bene fited	S. T. bene fited
18-080					15531.929	1424.322	1374.035

Note: Complete information is yet to be received from some State Governments and Union Territories.

## Strom Water Drainage Scheme for Pritampura

1611. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3435 regarding Provision of Storm Water drains in Pritampura on 15th March, 1982 and state:

(a) since when the storm water drainage scheme for Pritampura is under consideration with the Technical Advisory Committee of Flood

Control Department of Delhi Administration;

- (b) what are the reasons for which such a long time is being taken in finalising the scheme; and
- (c) the efforts being made by DDA to see that the scheme is fianalised and approved and the work starts at an early date since the non-provision of storm water drains is creating difficulty for the residents of the area?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-TARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND