

(c) what steps have so far been taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN- TARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) On the basis of 1971 census and population projections made by Registrar General of India thereon for 1981, the estimates of housing shortage, as worked out by the National Buildings Organisation, is 2.13 crores. This figure will be re-assessed when 1981 census figures relating to housing are available.

(b) and (c). The Sixth Plan envisages to reduce substantially the number of absolutely shelterless people and to provide conditions for others to improve their housing environment. Rural House-sites-cum-construction assistance programme under the Minimum Needs Programme envisages to provide house-sites to cover all eligible rural landless families and provide construction assistance to 25 per cent of them during the Plan period. Under the sites & services programme, a Plan provision of Rs. 485 crores exists which is meant to produce about 16.2 lakh units for E.W.S. Besides, Housing and Urban Development Corporation, a Government of India enterprise, envisages an investment of Rs. 600 crores during the Plan period 55 per cent of which would be for the EWS/LIG.

Black-marketing in Asian Games Tickets

82. SHRI RASA BEHARI BEHRA: Will the Minister of SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the matters regarding black-marketing of Asian Games tickets have come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, the efforts proposed to be made by Government to check the sale of Asian Games tickets in black; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No specific instance of black-marketing has come to the notice of the Special Organising Committee for IX Asian Games 1982.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Proposal to instal Hydel Generating Unit from Canal Emanating from Gandak River

83. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to instal hydel generating unit from Terhut canal emanating from the Gandak river;

(b) if so, details thereabout including time-schedule for beginning and completion;

(c) whether it is also proposed to set-up similar hydel generation unit from the Western Koshi canal including cyphen across Kamala;

(d) if so, details thereabout; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION (SHRI KEDAR PANDAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Eastern Gandak Canal Hydro-Electric Project envisages the construction of two power houses on the Tirhut main canal taking off from the Gandak Barrage with a total installed capacity of 60 MW. The project is estimated to cost Rs. 6079 lakhs. As per the Project Report, the Project is proposed to be completed in about four years time from the date of start. The project report received in March, 1981 is under examination, in Central Electricity Authority and Central Water Commission.

(c) to (e). No proposals in this regard have been received from the State Government.