

**Drinking Water in Indian Villages**

2411. SHRI HARIKESH BAHADUR : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that only 10 per cent of Indian villages have access to drinking water despite of the expenditure of Rs. 622 crores (Surya' Sept. 1982); and

(b) whether Government propose to have a programme of hand pumps for every village in the country in view of energy crisis?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH) :

(a) Out of 5.76 lakh villages as per 1971 census, 2.31 lakh villages have been identified by the State Government as 'problem villages' still to be covered with safe drinking water supply as on 1-4-1980.

(b) Due to limited financial resources and with a view to achieve maximum coverage of identified problem villages it has been impressed on the State Governments to go in for low cost solutions like installation of Hand-pumps whenever feasible.

जल प्रदाय और मल व्ययन विभाग में दैनिक मजूरी पर काम करने वाले व्यक्ति

2412. श्री निहाल सिंह : क्या निर्माण और आवास मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली नगर निगम के जल प्रदाय और मल व्ययन विभाग में 240 दिन से अधिक समय से कार्य कर रहे पम्प-चालकों, बेलदारों और फिटरों की अलग-अलग संख्या क्या है ; और

(ख) उन्हें स्थायी बनाने के लिए क्या मापदण्ड अपनाया गया है और अथवा अपनाया जा रहा है ?

संसदीय कार्य तथा निर्माण और आवास मन्त्री (श्री भीष्म नारायण सिंह) :

(क) और (ख) अपेक्षित सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

**Grant of Higher Scale of Pay to Draftsmen working in Flood Control Wing, Delhi Administration**

2413. SHRI R. N. RAKESH : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Delhi Administration had sought the approval of his Ministry to the grant of higher scale of pay at par with CPWD to the Draftsmen Grade I, II and III working in the Flood Control Wing of the Delhi Administration ;

(b) if so, whether the same has since been accorded; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay in according approval ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Matters regarding the grant of higher scales of pay to the Government personnel of Delhi Administration do not come under the purview of this Ministry. Delhi Administration have been advised to take up the matter with their Finance and other appropriate authorities.