

(b) the decision taken thereon by the Central Government;

(c) whether normal allocations of funds for Lower Income Group housing, Middle Income Group Housing and Village Housing Projects Schemes had been insufficient; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what steps are being taken to provide more financial assistance to the State Governments?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF) : (a) and (b) No request has been received from any of the State Govt. for house building loans for the low income and middle income groups and other families in the severely drought affected areas.

(c) and (d) Housing is a State Subject. Within the plan allocations funds are provided to the State Govts. as 'block loans' and 'block grants' without their being tied up to any scheme. Besides loan assistance is given to the States by the Housing & Urban Development Corporation for different categories which include rural housing (for those belonging to the Economically Weaker Sections only) Low Income Group and Middle Income Group. Life Insurance Corporation loans are also given to the States for Rural, Low Income Group and Middle Income Group housing schemes. General Insurance Corporation loans are given for housing for the economically weaker sections of the society and Rural housing.

Construction of shopping centre, milk booth etc. in Vikaspuri

7641. SHRI ANWAR AHMAD : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to refer to answer given to USQ No. 6901 regarding provision of amenities in Vikaspuri, Delhi and state :

(a) whether keeping the day-to-day difficulties of the residents/house-wives of Vikaspuri, New Delhi, especially Block-A, in view, the Government/DDA propose to

construct shopping centre, milk booth, etc. on priority basis as laid down in layout plans for this block; and

(b) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF) : (a) and (b) Delhi Development Authority. has reported that in Vikaspuri, D.D.A has already constructed two shopping centres in Block M and H. But the disposal of the shops constructed is yet to be taken up. In addition, 5 shopping centres have been designed in Vikas Puri, out of which two are under construction and the remaining three are under process for execution. In Block A, designing of the commercial centre has been finalised and the layout plan and the plans have been approved.

Mother Dairy has reported that it has no plans at present to open any additional Milk Booth, in view of its limited capacity. The Delhi Milk Scheme has, however, reported that in order to see that the new areas for the supply of milk are either covered by the Delhi Milk Scheme or by the Mother Dairy, the Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture has constituted a Coordination Committee to review the question for the set up of the new depots by the Mother Dairy and by the Delhi Milk Scheme. The requirement of the milk booths in the area of Vikaspuri has been included in the list, for the opening of the milk booths in the new areas for consideration by the Coordination Committee,

Decline in prices of Coconut

7642. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
SHRI E. K. IMBICHIBAVA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a steep decline in the prices of coconut;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ; and