

be feasible for a single agency to formulate and implement comprehensive village development plans. A number of agencies are continuously involved in this task and an attempt is being made by the Ministry of Rural Development to dovetail programmes for assistance to the rural poor with the other on-going infrastructural development programmes in the area. Both Integrated Rural Development and National Rural Employment Programmes which are the major poverty alleviation programmes implemented by this Ministry and are in operation in all the blocks in the country envisage planning on the basis of the local resources and potential and integration with other on-going programmes.

(c) and (d) Gram Panchayats have been established in all States and Union Territories except the States of Meghalaya and Nagaland and the Union Territories of Lakshadweep and Mizoram. According to information available elections to gram panchayats after the due date have not been held in three States. State Governments have been requested by the Union Government to ensure that elections to Panchayati Raj bodies are held in time. Functions of the Panchayats relating to village development are laid down in the respective State legislations with provide for the establishment of these bodies.

#### Ring towns around national capital

7690. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration to develop ring towns around the national capital;

(b) if so, the broad details of the proposal; and

(c) how far Government are likely to succeed in removing congestion from the national Capital ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI MOHAMMED USMAN ARIF) : (a) to (c) The Master Plan of Delhi recommen-

ded that the Plan for Delhi should be formulated in the context of regional dimensions and suggested a broad framework of the National Capital Region. Taking cognizance of this recommendation the National Capital Region Plan was prepared which envisaged the decentralisation of certain economic activities away from Delhi metropolis into different ring towns within the region so that the prosperity and burdens of urbanisation are shared by the region and balanced development of the region is promoted. The basic aim of the National Capital Region Plan is to keep within the manageable limits the population and area of urban Delhi and ensure orderly growth of the region. For this purpose, the plan envisaged the development of 18 selected ring towns located in the adjoining districts of UP, Haryana and Rajasthan. The implementation of the National Capital Region plan did not make much headway for want of adequate funds and in the absence of a Statutory planning and coordinating authority. In 1980 the Central Government decided to revitalise the National Capital Region Plan. In August 1982 an agreement was reached between the Union Minister for Works & Housing and the Chief Ministers of U.P., Rajasthan, Haryana and the Lt. Governor of Delhi on the need for a Statutory Planning and Coordinating machinery for the National Capital Region in order to effectively oversee all the developments in the area on the basis of an agreed plan. A Central Scheme for the development of National Capital Region is in operation and it is proposed to include maximum number of ring towns under this scheme in the coming years so as to create an impact on the hinter land/region and achieve the goals of dispersal of population in the entire region.

#### Rat in DMS Bottle

7691. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN : SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have seen the press reports appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated the 24th March, 1983 in which it

has been stated that a big rat has been found in DMS Milk bottle in the Capital ;

(b) if so, whether inquiry has since been conducted ; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken in regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An inquiry held into the matter did not reveal any lapse on the part of DMS. Modern and technologically advanced bottle washers and milk fillers, which are inspected at different stages before milk is filled, are being used by DMS, for bottling of milk.

#### Tickets of Asian Games sent abroad

7692. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN :  
SHRI SUBHASH YADAV :  
SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY:

Will the Minister of SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of tickets of IX Asian Games were sent abroad for sale ;

(b) the quantity and its denominations and names of the countries where these tickets were sent for sale;

(c) number of tickets sold and the number of tickets which were received back unsold ; and

(d) what were the reasons for not selling these tickets in foreign countries and the loss of foreign exchange as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, SPORTS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 52,660 tickets were earmarked for sale in 35 countries, the names of which are

given the attached statement. The value of each ticket for Opening and Closing Ceremonies was US \$ 12 and that for other events varied between US \$ 1 to US \$ 6.

(c) 16,443 tickets were sold and 36,217 unsold tickets were received back. Out of unsold tickets, 1861 tickets were sold in India to the representatives of the National Olympic Committees and foreigners/tourists against foreign currency.

(d) Tickets of total value of US \$ 81,443 remained unsold due to lack of demand for these in foreign countries.

#### Statement

*Statement showing the name of the countries where tickets for Asiad' 82 were sent for sale.*

1. Afghanistan
2. Bangladesh
3. Pakistan
4. Nepal
5. Sri Lanka
6. Singapore
7. Saudi Arabia
8. U. K.
9. U. S. A.
10. Datar
11. Kuwait
12. U. A. E.
13. Hong Kong
14. Canada
15. Japan
16. Korea Republic (Seoul)
17. Malaysia
18. Philipines
19. Laos
20. Vietnam
21. Thailand (Bangkok)
22. Brunei
23. Bahrain
24. Indonesia (Jakarta)
25. Syria