

DHYAYA : (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Allotment of Land to Indo-Pak Conflict Victims

6607. **SIIRI PRABODH CHANDRA** : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that after the Indo-Pakistan war, Shri M. L. Sukhadia, then Chief Minister of Rajasthan, had declared publicly in a huge meeting at Amritsar that one lakh acres of land in the new canal colonies will be allotted to the dependents of the soldiers who were killed in the war or those who were disabled, and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to honour this commitment,

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM) : (a) and (b). Necessary information and details are being ascertained from Government of Rajasthan and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of West Bengal

6608. **SHRI B. K. DASGHOWDHURY** : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to give more attention for the development of West Bengal, particularly the mofussil Districts, small towns and municipalities, by taking up programmes like Bustee development, water works, sewerage etc. as taken up with an estimated amount of rupee 150 crores for the Calcutta metropolitan district in the Fourth Five Year Plan,

(b) whether Government propose to chalk out any intensive plan to take up such programmes for 250 crores or so to be taken up during the next Fifth Five-Year Plan; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Response by Commonwealth Countries on Bangla Desh Issue

6609. **SHRI S. C. SAMANTA** : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) which of the Commonwealth countries have responded favourably towards solving the Bangla Desh crisis and help at International level to create conditions so that the refugees return back to their home safely and in conditions to enable them to live without fear;

(b) the steps being taken to foster understanding of the real situation with regard to the Bangla Desh among the Government of such of the Commonwealth countries, which are neutral or siding with the military regime in Pakistan, and

(c) whether any emergent meeting of the Commonwealth countries is likely to be held in this connection?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). Government have been in touch with almost all the countries of the Commonwealth and the true facts of the situation prevailing in Bangla Desh, as also the problems faced by India arising from the arrival of millions of refugees who have been forced to flee as a result of the brutalities committed by the Pakistan Army in Bangla Desh have been fully explained to them. Most Governments are deeply conscious of the humanitarian aspects of the issue, and it is our understanding that many are trying to use their influence with the Government of Pakistan to stop the use of force and to seek a political settlement which will enable the refugees to return to their homes and lands in safety.

(c) Government feel that the full magnitude of the problem and its implications in realised in most foreign countries, including Commonwealth countries and, therefore, Commonwealth meeting on this issue is not necessary.

Eradication of Communicable Diseases

6610. **SHRI DHARMARAO AFZALPURKAR** : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have