

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 1969-70      2,090.3 tonnes  
1970-71      1,410.9 tonnes.

**Acute Scarcity of Drinking Water in Asansol Coalfield Area**

7254. SHRI ROBIN SEN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is an acute scarcity of drinking water in Asansol Coalfield area;

(b) if so, the particulars thereof;

(c) whether the water supply system is on the verge of breakdown; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to solve this problem ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Sinking of Drinking Water Tubewells in Asansol-Ranigunj Area**

7255. SHRI ROBIN SEN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of drinking water tubewells sunk by Government and other bodies in Asansol-Ranigunj area of West Bengal;

(b) how many are not functioning; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU) : (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Promotion of Welfare Services to Children**

7256. SHRI N. K. SINHA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to give priority to the promotion of welfare services to children ;

(b) whether they have formulated any plan for that purpose; and

(c) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA): (a) Welfare services for children have been given high priority among social welfare schemes.

(b) Various schemes of Welfare services for children have already been incorporated in the Fourth Plan.

(c) The schemes include the following :

i) Family and Child Welfare Project for rural areas.

ii) Pre-vocational Training Programme for children who drop out after primary education.