

Appointment of Epidemiologist in Delhi

5239. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether in Delhi there is no proper machinery to investigate the prevalence of infectious disease and to check the spreading of it ;

(b) whether there is a demand from the Delhi authorities for appointment of an Epidemiologist ; and

(c) if so, the decision taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) : (a) An epidemic cell is functioning in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi under the charge of a Deputy Health Officer. He is assisted by three Sanitary Inspectors and a Statistical Assistant, who carry out investigation in respect of communicable diseases epidemics. A close coordination with the National Institute of Communicable Diseases which carries out specialised epidemiological studies, is also kept by the Corporation.

(b) and (c). Yes. It is reported that the proposal is under the consideration of the Standing Committee of the Delhi Municipal Corporation.

Statement made by Pentagon regarding supply of arms to Pakistan by U. S. A.

5240. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA ; SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the statement made by the Pentagon justifying U. S. arms shipment to Pakistan ; and

(b) if so, the steps which Government have taken in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) Government have not seen any such statement recently.

(b) Does not arise.

Quality of newly constructed Government quarters, New Delhi

5241. SHRI R. S. PANDEY : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the rooms of the newly constructed quarters meant for allotment to Governments servants in New Delhi are very small and the accommodation provided therein is very meagre ;

(b) whether the quality of construction material used for the new quarters is also very low as compared to private constructions ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(d) whether any steps are being taken to construct in future quarters with more accommodations both covered and uncovered, provide spacious rooms and use good quality of material for their construction purposes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) No. The areas of the rooms are provided according to the Plinth Areas approved for various types of quarters and the sizes of the rooms conform with the Municipal Bye-laws.

(b) No. The construction material used is according to the approved specifications with in the Plinth Area Rates sanctioned by the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) There is no proposal at present to increase the plinth areas of the present types of quarters or to modify the specifications.

Maintenance of Government Quarters Occupied by low Paid Employees in New Delhi/Delhi

5242. SHRI R. S. PANDEY : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the maintenance of Government quarters allotted to lower categories of officials in New Delhi/Delhi is poor as compared to the expenditure involved on the maintenance of residences occupied by High Officers and Members of Parliament ;