

U. N. O. Chief Adviser's Recommendations on Health and Family Planning

*628. SHRIMATI BHARGAVI THAN-KAPPAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Adviser of the United Nations Organisation has sent some recommendations to the Government of India regarding Health and Family Planning; and

(b) if so, the main features of the recommendation accepted by the Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI UMA SHANKAR DIKSHIT):

(a) and (b). The United Nations Mission visited India in January-March, 1969 and made certain recommendations collectively for the family planning programme. The recommendations are general in nature and already formed the basis of Government of India's Planning Programme. The recommendations which call for specific further action by Government of India and action taken thereon is shown in the Statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-684/71]

Taking over Charge of Refugee Camps by the Army

* 629. SHRI BIBHUTI MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the *Daily Hindu* published from Madras dated the 8th June, 1971 (City edition) under the heading "Army unwilling to take full charge of refugee camps" which was discussed with the Chief of the Army Staff by the West Bengal Chief Minister; and

(b) if so, whether the Chief Minister had sent any request to the Central Government and the Army Chief disagreed to take charge of the refugees camps in consultation with the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAQJWAN RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Labour and Rehabilitation looks after the refugee camps. There is no question of the Army taking them over. I had occasion to discuss this aspect of the matter with the Chief Minister of West Bengal.

Ayurvedic Cure for Cancer

2635. SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether research in Ayurvedic cure for cancer was conducted by the Ayurvedic College, Dehra Dun and was claimed that a medicine from the Lajwanti plant could cure external and internal cancer within a reasonable time; and

(b) if so, the progress achieved in this regard?

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

U. S. Efforts for return of Bangla Dosh Refugees

2636. SHRI M. M. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether U. S. urged the Pakistan Government to facilitate the return of Bangla Dosh refugees to their homes; and

(b) if so, the U. S. proposals and the reaction of Pakistan Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) According to our information, the U. S. Government have been in touch with the Government of Pakistan in this matter.

(b) The Government of Pakistan said on 21.5.1971 that "bonafide" and "law abiding" citizens of Pakistan would be allowed to return to East Bengal. This is, however, mere pro-

paganda as atrocities against the people of Bangla Desh continue unabated and the influx of refugees is increasing instead of decreasing.

Enhancement of Rates of unfiltered Water by C. P. W. D.

2698. SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Construction Division No. X of Central Public Works Department has arbitrarily enhanced the rates for unfiltered water by Rs. 24/- per annum over and above the existing basic rates for all private connections in New Delhi, irrespective of the areas of the buildings, without prior intimation to the consumers and without inviting objections from them ;

(b) if so, the reasons for taking this decision ;

(c) whether any representatives of the residents federation of Chanakyapuri, Golf Links, Jor Bagh etc. met the Minister and protested to him in the last week of May, 1971 and sought for status quo ; and

(d) if so, the action Government propose to take in the matter and by what time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes Sir. The rates for unfiltered water have been enhanced provisionally for all the connections, private as well as Government.

(b) The increase in rates became unavoidable as the expenditure on pumping of water from the river Jamuna increased, and in addition there is a rise in the prices of materials and wages of labour.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The matter is under consideration.

Setting up of Forum for C.P.W.D. Engineers

2699. SHRI S. D. SOMASUNDARAM : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to refer to the reply given

the Unstarred Question No. 810 on the 16th November 1970 regarding setting up of Forum for C. P. W. D. Engineers and state :

(a) the names of the Associations functioning in the C. P. W. D. for the welfare of Junior Engineers, Asstt. Engineers and Executive Engineers ;

(b) the number of times the representatives of the Associations could represent their problems and difficulties to Government during the year 1970 and 1971 ;

(c) whether letters received from the Associations are not promptly replied to ; and

(d) the number of letters received from the Junior Engineers Associations and the number of them replied with demands, the number of them which could not be replied with reasons, during the period from January 1970 to 31st May, 1971 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) The following are the recognised Associations in the C.P.W.D. for Junior Engineers, Asstt. Engineers and Executive Engineers etc.

Junior Engineers

(i) Graduate Sectional Officers' Association.

(ii) A.M.I.E. Sectional Officers' Association.

(iii) C.P.W.D. Sectional Officers' Association.

Asstt. Engineers/Executive Engineers (Direct Recruits Class II)

Central Engineering Service Class II Direct Recruits Association.

Asstt. Engineers/Executive Engineers/Superintending Engineers etc.

C. P. W. D. Engineers' Association.

Asstt. Executive Engineers/Executive Engineers/Superintending Engineers etc. (Class I Direct Recruits)

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Central Engineering Service Class I Direct Recruits Association.