

been stated in the House on various occasions.

Ceiling on Urban Property

837. SHRI P. GANGADEB :
SHRI S. M. KRISHNA :
SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA :

Will the MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (NIRMAN AUR AWAS MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have not received favourable response from the States in regard to the ceiling on urban property;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government are considering to evolve a new common formula acceptable to all the States; and

(d) if so, the features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (NIRMAN AUR AWAS MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) The State Governments and the Union Territories were addressed seeking their views/concurrence to the draft bill relating to the imposition of a ceiling on urban property, on the 25th July, 1970, the replies so far received show that the matter is under the active consideration of the State Governments.

(b) to (d) . Do not arise.

Setting up of an Experts Committee on Population

838. SHRI P. GANGADEB :
SHRI NIHAR LASKAR :

Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SWASTHYA AUR PARIWAR NIYOJAN MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Government has been considering to appoint a committee of experts to find out how the country managed to keep the population down to 547 millions

against the official estimate of 561 millions; and

(b) if so, what will be the other terms of the committee ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SWASTHYA AUR PARIWAR NIYOJAN MANTRALAYA MEN RAJYA MANTRI) (SHRI D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA) : (a) and (b). The matter is under consideration.

Visit by Russian Delegation to India

839. SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO : Will the MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (VIDESH MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) the total number, including the number of personnel of various Delegations from Russia, which visited India during the last one year; and

(b) the purpose of visit of the various Russian Delegations ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (VIDESH MANTRALAYA MEN UP-MANTRI) (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Eye Disease Epidemic in Bombay

841. SHRI DASARATHA DEB :
SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY :
SHRI S. A. MURUGANANTHAM :

Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SWASTHYA AUR PARIWAR NIYOJAN MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the fact that epidemic form of eye disease in Bombay had affected more than 30,00,000 people so far and is spreading continuously ;

(b) the reasons for this epidemic ; and