

5. Slum Clearance/Improvement scheme.
6. Land acquisition and development scheme.

These schemes are also applicable to the categories mentioned in (b) and (c) of the question. However all these schemes are included in the state sector of the plan and central assistance for all state sector programmes (including housing and urban Development) is being made available in the form of block loans and block grants, without being tied to any particular scheme or head of development. Consequently, State Governments are free to allocate whatever funds they consider appropriate for the implementation of any programme under the above schemes in any area (including presidency towns) and to employees of any rank on the basis of their own priorities and requirements.

सन् 2000 तक भारत की जन संख्या में वृद्धि

890. श्री मूलचन्द डागा : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार नियोजन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि यदि जन्म-दर घटाने के लिए उपयुक्त कदम नहीं उठाये गये तो क्या सन् 2000 में भारत की जनसंख्या 89 करोड़ हो जायेगी ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार नियोजन मन्त्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री डी. पी. चट्टोपाध्याय) : 1971 की जनगणना के अनुसार भारत की ग्रन्थार्या जनसंख्या 54.7 करोड़ है और 1961-71 अवधि की वार्षिक वृद्धि की कथित ज्यामिती दर 2.2 प्रतिशत है। यदि वृद्धि की यह दर 1971 के बाद भी बनी रही तो भारत की जनसंख्या 2000 ईसवी से पूर्व यानी 1994 में ही 89 करोड़ तक हो सकती है।

Availability of oil Resources in Kutch Region

891. SHRI BRIJ RAJ SINGH-KOTAH : will the MINISTER OF PETROLEUM

AND CHEMICALS (PETROLEUM AUR RASAYAN MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether the oil and Natural Gas commission has discovered large oil resources in the kutch region; and

(b) if so, the names of the countries assisting in exploration of oil and the details regarding time and potentialities ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (PETROLEUM AUR RASAYAN MANTRI) (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) No, interesting structures for possible oil and gas accumulations have been located in kutch region.

(b) Does not arise.

Non-Availability of Drugs in Open Market

892. SHRI BRIJ RAJ SINGH-KOTAH : Will the MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (PETROLEUM AUR RASAYAN MANTRI) be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of drugs have gone underground and are not readily available in the open market in the country since the prices have been controlled by Government; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by government to see that every drug required by the customer is made readily available at controlled rate ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (PETROLEUM AUR RASAYAN MANTRI) (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Government have no such information.

(b) As a preventive measure, periodical reports are called for from the field officers of the drug controller's organisation in order to assess the availability of drugs to consumers at the controlled Prices. whenever shortages of any particular formulations are reported in specified regions, manufacturers are instructed to maintain supplies. Steps have also been taken to ensure that regular and adequate supplies of raw materials and intermediates are available to drugs manufacturing units for the purpose of sustaining production to meet the demand.