

Lawrence Road and 696 houses at Budela-Najafgarh Road) during 1975-76 under the Scheme.

Development Plan for urbanised villages of Delhi

3681. SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state whether Development Plan for urbanised villages of Delhi is pending for the last year, and when it is likely to be finalised?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): There are 46 villages in the areas under the jurisdiction of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi. The Standing Committee of the M.C.D. has approved development plans for 14 villages. As for the remaining villages, surveys etc. are being carried out by the MCD and the work of preparation of development plans is in progress.

DDA has 60 villages in its jurisdiction as the same have been declared as development areas of the DDA. Of these 60 villages, DDA has finalised and approved development plans in respect of 36 urban villages falling in development areas of the DDA. Development plans in respect of the remaining 24 villages are under preparation by the DDA and are likely to be finalised by the end of 1975.

Damage to Frescoes in Ajanta Caves by Electric Lights

3682. SHRI NIMBALKAR Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the frescoes in Ajanta Caves have been damaged through portable electric lights;

(b) if so, the extent of the damage; and

(c) whether they are repairable and are being repaired?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) to (c). Some aging and deterioration was noticed in a few paintings. It is difficult to say what factors were responsible for this. Government are, therefore, taking necessary steps to preserve the paintings so as to arrest their deterioration.

Sunflower Cultivation

3683 SHRI VASANT SATHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cultivation of sunflower all over the country has not been successful—more so in dry land area;

(b) whether Shri B. Shrivraman of Planning Commission has reported to the Government about the failure of sun flower crop in the country giving reasons therefor and suggesting remedial measures, for proper crop planning in dry land areas in the country; and

(c) if so, facts thereof; and the strategy worked out by the Government in regard to crop planning in these areas?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHU DAS PATEL): (a) Commercial cultivation of sunflower was for the first time introduced in the country during 1972-73 and in a period of three years the area under the crop has increased to about 3 lakh hectares. On account of its short duration, it has fitted well into the different cropping patterns in various parts of the country. Sunflower being a drought resistant crop, its cultivation has been recommended for dry land areas where its performance has been reasonably good. How-