

Density of population in the country by 2001

688. SHRI NITIRAJ SINGH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Town and Country Planning Organisation survey report indicates that density of population in the country would increase from 178 per sq. km. in 1971 to nearly 288 per sq. km. by 2001;

(b) if so, whether 225 million people would be added to the rural population and about 270 million to the urban population during the said period; and

(c) the broad outlines of other recommendations of the said report and Government's reactions thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH): (a) to (c). Presumably the reference is to projections in the approach paper on the 'National Urbanisation Policy' prepared by the Town and Country Planning Organisation based on the population projections in a publication of the Registrar General of India. It would be appreciated that Government would naturally take into account all such views expressed by its experts and organisations and also by others and evolve its policy on the basis of its own appreciation of the situation from time to time keeping in view the larger interests of the country. It is not, therefore, possible to indicate Government's reaction on the views given by one or other of its own experts

New Slums with the onset of Monsoon

689. SHRI Y. ESWARA REDDY: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the new resettlement Colonies

near Delhi have become new slums with the onset of monsoon;

(b) whether the people were shifted to the new colonies with no preparation regarding their accommodation, drainage, medical facilities etc; and

(c) if so, what measures have been taken to solve their problem?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. RAGHU RAMAIAH): (a) to (c). Delhi Development Authority have developed 27 re-settlement colonies in various parts of Delhi where people removed from J.J. culsters have been settled. In all these colonies all basic amenities like black topped roads, brick paved lanes, street lighting, drainage, schools, parks, water supply by hand pumps and tubewells, dry and water borne latrines, T V. centres, adequate bus service, medical facilities etc. have been provided. Arrangements have also been made to avoid water logging.

Bagmati River Project

690. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the main course of river Bagmati (Bihar) is drifting towards Manusmara in Nepal's Tarai area and is likely to make redundant the entire Bagmati River Project scheme in its present form; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI KEUER NATH SINGH): (a) and (b). Since 1974 river Bagmati has shown a tendency of shifting towards the river Manusmara near Harkatwa village in Nepal territory. If this tendency continues, the possibility of river Bagmati avulsing