fortnight before the actual date of retirement of the officer concerned.

- (e) Simplification of rules and procedures towards ensuring speedier settlement of pension claims is a continuing process and changes are made as and when decisions are taken from time to time.
 - (f) Does not arise.

Committee on Untouchability

4009. Shri P. Viswambharan: Shri Kameshwar Singh: Shri A. Sreedharan: Shri Mangalathumadom:

Will the Minister of Social Welfare be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any time-limit has been specified for the submission of the final report of the Committee on Untouchability; and
 - (b) if so, what?

The Minister of State in the Department of Social Welfare (Shrimati Phulrenu Guha): (a) and (b). The Committee has been asked to submit its final report by the end of December, 1967.

Out-Houses of Bungalows in Delhi

4010. Shri Abdul Ghani Dar: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news appearing in the Hindustan Times of the 23rd May, 1967 in which it was stated that in about 50 per cent of big New Delhi bungalows, dhobis, barbers and mechanics have been given accommodation in out-houses;
- (b) if so, the number of such bungalows;
- (c) whether the permission of Government was taken before providing accommodation to these persons; and
- (d) if not, the action taken against the persons concerned?

The Deputy Minister of Works. Housing and Supply (Shri Iqbal Singh): (a) Yes.

- (b) Government are not aware of any such unauthorised use of the out-houses etc.
 - (c) and (d). Do not arise.

Schools for the Mentally-Retarded in Delhi

4011. Shri Bhogendra Jha: Shri Vasudevan Nair:

Will the Minister of Social Welfare be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there are very few schools in Delhi for the mentally-retarded children;
- (b) whether there is shortage of trained teachers in these schools; and
- (c) if so, what steps have been taken to improve the facilities for education of the mentally-retarded children in the capital?

The Minister of State in the Department of Social Welfare (Shrimati Phuirenn Guha): (a) Delhi has 5 schools for mentally-retarded children,

- (b) No serious shortage has been reported.
 - (c) Does not arise.

Development of Orissa

4612. Shri Ramachandra Ulaka: Shri Dhuleshwar Meena: Shri K. Pradhani: Shri Heerji Bhai:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount actually allotted to and spent by the Orissa Government for development of the State during 1966-67; and
- (b) the amount proposed to be allotted to that State for the purpose during 1967-68?