

unit provided the identification is based on the relevant statistical data of regional development.

Proposals of State Governments for accelerated development of markedly backward areas within State boundaries will form part of the State's draft Fourth Five Year Plans and will be duly considered.

#### **Backward Areas in Madras State**

**4180. Shri Umanath:** Will the Minister of Planning and Social Welfare be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Madras have approached the Centre with proposals to enable it to identify backward areas confined to Taluks in a district;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the date on which the proposal was made;

(d) if not, whether any other proposals have been made by the Madras Government regarding identification of backward areas in Madras State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken thereon?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shri L. N. Mishra):**

(a) to (e). There has been some correspondence between the Planning Commission and the Government of Madras regarding the unit of administration on which the backward areas in the State should be identified. The Government of Madras have agreed to analyse the statistical data District-wise and to furnish the information called for in Planning Commission's letter of January 1965 regarding Identification of backward areas with selected indicators of regional development.

#### **Aid from Abroad**

**4181. Shri Flordia:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any offer of financial aid from the small countries of Europe, Asia and Latin America; and

(b) if so, in what particular industry this aid is likely to be utilised?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri):** (a) There have recently been offers of financial aid from the undermentioned countries:

- (i) Hungary
- (ii) Yugoslavia, and
- (iii) Sweden.

(b) The use of this aid for individual industries is yet under examination.

#### **Increase in Population**

**4182. Shri P. C. Borooah:** Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a survey recently released by the World Health Organisation revealing that the population of Delhi has doubled and that of Bombay troubled during the two decades;

(b) if so, what are the World Health Organisation's figures regarding the increase in the population of other principal cities/towns of India;

(c) how far Government's information agrees with it; and

(d) how far this population increase is attributable to immigration from Pakistan and elsewhere?

**The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** (a) Yes. The Government of India is aware only of a Press release made on 1-4-1966 in connection with the World Health Day on 7-4-1966 by the Regional Office for South East Asia of the World Health Organisation at New Delhi, stating that the population of Delhi had doubled and that of Bombay trebled between 1940-1960.

(b) No mention has been made in the W.H.O. Press release about the increase in population of other principal cities/towns of India.