

**Finance Minister's visit to France and Japan**

821. **Shri Narayan Reddy:**  
**Shri Rameshwar Tantia:**  
**Shri Himatsingka:**  
**Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:**  
**Shri Lahtan Chaudhry:**  
**Shri P. C. Borooah:**  
**Shri Yashpal Singh:**  
**Shri P. R. Chakraverti:**  
**Shri K. N. Tiwary:**  
**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:**  
**Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:**  
**Shri S. C. Samanta:**  
**Shri Subodh Hansda:**

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he plans to visit Japan and France during 1966;

(b) if so, the main purpose of his visit; and

(c) whether any dates have been fixed for his visit?

**The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri):** (a) There is, at present, no finalised plan for the Finance Minister to visit Japan and France.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No.

**Housing Policy**

822. **Shri Kolla Venkalah:**  
**Shri M. N. Swamy:**  
**Shri Laxmi Dass:**

Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Urban Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision regarding the suggestions made in the paper on "Government Housing policies and programme in the countries of the ECAFE Region" to overcome the housing shortage with reference to India;

(b) if so, the nature of decisions taken;

(c) the action proposed to be taken thereon; and

(d) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative, the reasons for the delay?

**The Minister of Works, Housing and Urban Development (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna):** (a) to (d). The main suggestions made in the paper are as follows:—

- (1) unification of housing and town planning work in one Central Ministry;
- (2) stepping up of the rate of investment in Housing;
- (3) grant of Government assistance (loans and subsidies) for housing with reference to the financial position of the beneficiaries;
- (4) incentives to attract institutional and private funds towards housing;
- (5) close liaison between Central Ministries for production of building materials.

Principles (2) to (5) already form part of our Housing policy. The suggestion at (1) has also been implemented. The work of urban development and town planning has recently been transferred from the Ministry of Health to the Ministry of Works and Housing.

**Dam on Sahibi Nadi**

823. **Shri Kolla Venkalah:**  
**Shri M. N. Swamy:**  
**Shri Laxmi Dass:**

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the project report regarding the construction of dam on Sahibi Nadi at Ajmeripura, Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the decision arrived at