to Questions

Note: 1\*. Unclassifiable place of last residence is included in Total

2. Figures in this statement do not include data for Jammu and Kashmir where 1991 Census was not conducted.

[English]

## Land Scam

2837. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : SHRI RAMSAGAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-items captioned (i) "Government yet to acquire 'acquired' land" (ii) "Charitable trust grabs gram Sabha land" and (iii) "Files pertaining to land scam missing" apearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated February, 21, 22 and 23, 1997 respectively;
  - (b) if so, the fact thereof; and
- (c) the action taken thereon including the punishment proposed to be meted out to those found guilty in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

## Payments to Labourers

2838. DR. BALIRAM: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the wages are not being paid by the Gram Pradhans to the labourers engaged in the works being undertaken by Gramsabhas in Lalganj Parliamentary constituency of Ajamgarh district in Uttar Pradesh;

- (b) if so, whether the labourers are not making complaint to the Government as they are afraid of Pradhans:
- (c) if so, whether the Government propose to conduct any secret enquiry into this matter;
  - (d) if so, by when; and
  - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) No such report has been received in this Ministry.

(c) to (e) Rural employment programmes of this Ministry are being implemented by the State Governments. As and when any complaint is received, the same is referred to the State Governments for taking necessary remedial action.

## Vacation of Accommodation

2839. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether widows of awardees of Ashoka Chakra are being asked to vacate the Government accommodation within six months of the death of their husbands;
  - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to allow the widows to retain the Government accommodation in recognition of services rendered by their husbands to the nation;
  - (d) if so, the details thereof; and
  - (e) if not, the reasons therefor?