

districts of Palamau, Hazaribagh, Deoghar, Aurangabad and Gaya. This scheme has been under implementation since 1981 and so far 570 sq. kms. of area have been treated during the 7th Five Year Plan and it is proposed to treat another 6400 sq. kms. during the 8th Five Year Plan.

In addition, fund is also released to Damodar Valley Corporation for treatment of catchments of river Damodar in the districts of Hazaribagh, Giridih and Dhanbad.

[English]

Repair of brick paths in Government Colonies of the capital

1621. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the brick paths laid in the Government Colonies like R. K. Puram have given way and there is need to relay them properly;

(b) if so, the reasons for not re-laying them or repairing them over the passage of time;

(c) the steps taken to re-lay/repair these paths on priority basis; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) Portions of the brick paths between the main road and scooter garages and the entrance to quarters had been damaged. Some of these have been repaired to the extent of availability of funds and the remaining will also be repaired depending upon the availability of funds.

Conversion of hostels into semi residential schools

1622. DR. VISWANATHAM KANITHI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to convert hostels for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes into semi-residential schools;

(b) if so, the present guidelines in this regard and the number of such hostels which are proposed to be converted;

(c) whether the standard of education in the hostels is very low; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to improve the same?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Residential Schools Exclusively for Girls of Coastal and Hilly Areas

1623. DR. VISWANATHAM KANITHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up more residential schools exclusively for the girls of families living in coastal and hilly areas, where the standard of education among the females is very low as compared to other areas;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) There is no such proposal under consideration of Government.

(b) Does not arise.