

been allowed to purchase it directly from M/s. Hindustan Insecticides Limited with the Stipulation that it would be used under expert Governmental supervision.

- (ii) The use of DDT for the Public Health Programme has been restricted to 10,000 MTs per annum except in case of any major outbreak of Epidemic.

### 80th Anniversary of African National Congress

1471. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the recent celebration of 80th anniversary of African National Congress organised by the World Youth Action Against Apartheid at New Delhi;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to mobilise world for the eradication of apartheid?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On this occasion India's support to the valiant struggle of the African National Congress and our commitment to a non-racial and democratic South Africa was reiterated.

(c) India was the first country to impose a trade embargo against South Africa in protest against its racial policies. India was also the first to inscribe the issue of apartheid on the agenda of the United Nations and was influential in the imposition of comprehensive and mandatory sanctions against South

Africa. India became a party to the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid in October 1977. It enacted the Anti-Apartheid UN Convention Act in 1981. Over the years, we have given considerable material, moral and diplomatic assistance to the anti-apartheid movement in general and the African National Congress in Particular.

[Translation]

### Shortage of LPG in Madhya Pradesh.

1472. SHRI PHOOLCHAND VERMA: DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of acute shortage of LPG in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure the immediate availability of LPG Cylinders to Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). Generally there is no short supply of LPG refills in Madhya Pradesh. However, when any shortage comes to notice appropriate action is promptly taken.

[English]

### Tibetan Population

1473. SHRI BHOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Tibetians residing in the country;

(b) whether the Union Government provide any incentives/concessions/assistance for economic activities to them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) There are about 80,000 Tibetan Refugees in India.

(b) and (c). Government of India has provided them relief and rehabilitation assistance for their resettlement in different States under various agricultural and handicraft schemes.

#### Free Education and Housing for Handicapped Children

1474. SHRI SWAMI SURESHANAND:

<i>Disability</i>	<i>Rural</i>		<i>Urban</i>	
	<i>Age</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Age</i>
	0-4	5-14	0-4	5-14
i) Visual	39	66	25	87
ii) Hearing	—	314	—	244
iii) Speech	—	411	—	426
iv) Locomotor	435	676	540	718

(b) and (c). There is no scheme for providing housing facilities to handicapped children. There is an ongoing Centrally sponsored scheme of Integrated Education for Disabled Children with the objective of providing educational opportunities for disabled children in common schools under which 100% central assistance is given to State/U.T. Voluntary organisations.

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of handicapped children in the county;

(b) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme for providing free education and housing facility to them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No precise information about the number of handicapped children in the country is available. However, according to a sample survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation during 1981, the number of children per 1,00,000 of population in rural and urban areas having visual, speech, hearing and locomotor disabilities are as under:—

[*Translation*]

#### Scheme for Upliftment of Backward Communities in Rajasthan

1475. SHRI BHERU LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state: