- (a) whether there has been a steep decline in the number of beneficiaries of Integrated Rural Development Programme;
 - (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABGOUDA PATIL): (a) to (c) The thrust in IRDP in the recent years has been to increase the Per the family Investment to ensure quality of projects and better income to the beneficiary. This correspondingly involves higher per capita subsidy, leading to some decline in the number of beneficiaries, given the marginal higher annual releases under IRDP towards subsidy.

[English]

Strength of Engineers in DDA

3289. SHRI KARIYA MUNDA:

SHRI INDRA NATH BHAGAT:
DR. C.P. THAKUR:
SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY:
SHRI AJIT JOGI:
PROF. JOGENDRA KAWADE:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

- (a) the total strength of the engineers working in DDA, categories-wise;
- (b) the percentage of SC/ST engineers among them; and
- (c) the details of the backlog vacancies in different categories reserved for SC/ST and OBC during the last three years in the DDA and the reasons therefor, the steps taken by the Government to clear the backlog?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHAMALANI): (a) to (c) A statement is enclosed.

Statement

S.No. Category		Total No. of		Perc	Percentage		Backlo	3	Reasons/steps taken to clear the	
		Nos.	sc	ST	SC ST		SC	ST	OBC	backlog
1.	Engineer Member	1	_		-	-	-	•	•	
2.	Chief Engineer (C)	8	-	-	-	-	•	•	•	
3.	Chief Engineer (E)	1	•	•	•	-	-	-	-	
4.	Suptdg. Engineer (C)	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5.	Suptdg. Engineer (E)	3	•	•	•		-	•	-	
6.	Executive Engineer (C)	17	13	1	11.11	0.9	-	•	•	
7.	Executive Engineer (E)	17	2	-	11.80	NII	•	•	•	
3.	Asstt. Engineer (C)	510	74	3	14.50	0.6	6	8	•	
Э.	Asstt. Engineer (E/M)	72	10	•	13.90	Nil	•	•	•	The post was 'selection' post prior to 3/97 and as such there was no carry forward of reserved post. However, the post became non-selection vide Resolution dated 31.3.97 and out of the 5 vacant posts, 2 posts of AE (E/M) were filled up from the SC Category.
0.	Jr. Engineer (C)	1406		-	7.82	Nil	101	105	•	As per recommendations or Cadre
11.	Jr. Engineer (E/M)	192	17	•	8.85	Nil	12	14		Review Committee approved by Authority, recruitment to the post of J.Es. has been restrained. However, in the category of JE (E/M), as per directions of Hon'ble High Court, 9 candidates selected in 1989, have been allowed to join in 7/1997. The backlog/short fall of OBC in the category of JE (Civil) & JE (E/M) may be treated as Nil, as no recruitment to the post of JE (Civil) has been made since 1986. In the category of JE (E/M) last recruitment was made in 1989. Reservation for OBC has been introduced only from September, 1993.