

action is being taken by the Government.

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[Translation]

**Steps to Check Floods**

\*129. SHRI RAMLAL RAHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on flood control measures vis-a-vis loss to crops due to monsoon and water-logging, during Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Five-Year-Plan periods;

(b) the extent to which the expenditure

(c) whether any durable and effective method has been evolved to control floods and water-logging in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Expenditure incurred on flood control measures, area given reasonable protection and loss to crops as reported by the State Governments are given in the table below:—

<i>Sl No</i>	<i>Plan/Year</i>	<i>Expenditure on works of flood management (Rs crores)</i>	<i>Additional area given reasonable protection (Million ha)</i>	<i>Loss to crops as reported by the State Government (Rs. crores)</i>
1	2	3	4	5
1	V Plan 1974-78	299	1.94	,989
2.	Annual Plans 1978-80	338	1 23	1,081
3.	VI Plan 1980-85	787	1.80	3,972
4.	VII Plan 1985-90	949*	0.84*	7,278*

(b) to (d). Floods cannot be controlled completely. But efforts can be made for reducing the extent and frequency of damage by construction of reservoirs, river embankments, town protection works, raising of villages, provision of drainage channels, landuse—zoning of the floods prone area and through a flood forecasting and flood warning system.

[English]

**Encroachment of Land in Delhi by Jhuggi Dwellers**

\*130. SHRI K.S. RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a large scale encroachment of Government land in Delhi for the last two months and a large number of jhuggis have come up thereon;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been made in this regard;

(d) if so, the total number of Jhuggi dwellers in Delhi; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to check such encroachment on Government land?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b). There is no authentic information to indicate this.

(c) and (d). Pursuant to the Government's decision to issue ration cards to jhuggi dwellers, the Delhi Administration has done enumeration of jhuggies for the purpose. According to preliminary estimates there are about 2.1 lakh jhuggies and the average size of the jhuggi house hold is 3.9.

(e) The firm policy of Government is not to permit fresh encroachments. Delhi Administration has directed public agencies to maintain strict vigil and to take preventive action. A control Room has also started functioning to facilitate prompt reporting of encroachments by public.

#### Promotion of Ayurvedic System

\*131. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any new specific proposals to promote and develop the ayurvedic system of medicine in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any new ayurvedic colleges are proposed to be opened in Kerala; if so, the details thereof;

(d) which are the ayurvedic colleges now functioning in Kerala; and

(e) whether Government propose to introduce surgery in the syllabus of these colleges?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUSTRAY): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Government have proposals for the following new schemes for promotion and development of Ayurvedic System of Medicine in the country.

1. Creation of a separate Directorate of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy under the Ministry.
2. Strengthening and development of the existing Ayurvedic colleges in order to achieve good standards of education.
3. Setting up of Regional Organisations, Institutes, Drug Testing Laboratories and Pharmacies for Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy.

(c) Opening of new colleges is the concern of the State Government. According to the information furnished by Government of Kerala, they do not have any proposal to open any new Ayurvedic college in the near future.

(d) The following four Ayurvedic colleges are now functioning in Kerala:—

1. Government Ayurvedic College, Trivandrum.