

**Flood Control Measures for Delhi**

309. PROF VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Steps inadequate to meet floods', if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(b) whether in spite of repeated complaints/warnings about the inadequate arrangements for flood control in Delhi specially the colonies in low-lying areas and J.J. Clusters, the position has not improved;

(c) if so, the reasons for the same;

(d) whether Government will give foremost priority to take all possible measures to protect the lives and properties of the residents in flood-prone areas of Delhi; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) Yes, Sir. Arrangements have already been made to forecast the floods and inform the inhabitants of the flood prone area about the impending floods well in advance.

(b) to (e). While most of the flood prone areas in Delhi have been afforded protection by construction of embankments on either side of Yamuna, slum dwellings which have come into existence in the bed of the river cannot be afforded protection. But timely warning of floods are given to residents of these areas and they are shifted to safer places.

**Students Nominated for MBBS and BDS Courses**

310. SHRI JANAK RAJ GUPTA: Will

the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the number of students nominated for MBBS and BDS courses during current year in different Medical Colleges in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): The Government of India in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have not made any direct nomination to MBBS/BDS Course during the current year 1990-91 in any medical college in the country. However, the Government of India every year make a request to the State/UT Governments with medical colleges and certain other Medical Institutions in the country for their contribution of MBBS/BDS seats to the Central Pool. The number of seats in the Central Pool varies from year to year. These seats in turn are allocated to State/UTs without medical Colleges, children of Defence personnel, other para-military organisations, foreign students awarded Cultural Exchange Fellowship, self-financing foreign students, repatriates from Burma, Srilanka etc. The allocations of these seats vary from year to year depending upon the availability of seats in the Central Pool. The selection and nomination of student is done by the respective States/UTs/concerned Ministries to whom the seats are allotted.

[*Translation*]

**Primary Health Centres**

311. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in India without Primary Health Centres and medical facilities within a radius of 6 kms;

(b) whether Government aims is to provide medical facility to every citizen; and