

**THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):**

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**New Blocks Selected for ICDS Project**

**458. SHRI A. VIYAYARAGHAVAN:** Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of newly selected blocks for Centrally sponsored Integrated Child Development Services Project all over India;

(b) the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the guidelines observed for the selection of such blocks for the Integrated Child Development Services Projects?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI USHA SINHA):** (a) and (b). The new Centrally sponsored Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Projects have not been allocated so far for the year 1990-91.

(c) The guidelines observed for selection of such blocks are:—

- (a) Areas predominantly inhabited by tribes, particularly backward tribes.
- (b) Areas inhabited predominantly by Scheduled Castes.
- (c) Drought prone areas.
- (d) Urban slums.

In addition weightage is also given to the following types of areas:—

- (e) Blocks covered by Desert Devel-

opment Programme.

(f) Blocks covered by Hill Area Development Programme.

(g) Blocks in the districts identified as having concentration of educationally backward minorities.

(h) Areas prone to floods.

**Inclusion of Peruvanan Community in Scheduled Tribe List**

**459. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:** Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether union Government have received any representation for including the Peruvannan community in the list of Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to include the above mentioned community in the list of Scheduled Tribes?

**THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):**

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Proposal for comprehensive revision of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is under consideration of the Government.

**Setting up of Crafts Development Centres**

**460. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA:** Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up Crafts Development Centres to encourage development of crafts and help the minorities;