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FCI Godowns in Punjab

8878. SHRI KIRPAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food Corporation of India propose to award contract for construction of godowns in Punjab to those who have cleared their outstanding loans taken from banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether FCI propose to purchase vacant godowns from those who have paid of their loan taken from Bank; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA):
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). At present, Food Corporation of India has no scheme to purchase godowns constructed by private parties.

Death Due To Rabies

8879. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 25000 people die of rabies in the country every year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there are 18 million dogs in the country;

(c) if so, the steps Government have taken to reduce the number of deaths;

(d) whether Government propose to take any steps to control population of dogs;

if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Although no exact figures of the incidence of rabies are available, it is estimated that nearly 25,000 deaths occur in the country due to rabies every year.

(b) There are 18 million dogs in the country as per the Census of dogs conducted by Ministry of Agriculture in 1982.

(c) The Government have taken the following steps to reduce the number of deaths:—

i) Anti-rabies immunization is available free of cost in Government Hospitals

ii) Country is producing around 35-40 million nervous tissue vaccine annually in 12 production centres.

iii) Tissue culture vaccine (Human diploid cell and purified chick embryo cell) are being imported and are available in the market.

iv) Health education is being imparted to general public through mass media regarding prevention of disease.

(d) and (e). The control of dog population is under the purview of local civic bodies. Ministry of Agriculture has set up 30 Rabies Control Units in the country to supplement the activities of local civic bodies.

Computerisation in EPF Organisation

8880. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Employees Provident Fund Organisation Authorities had decided for computerisation of the working of the Organisation;

(b) if so, the details together with reasons therefor; and

(c) the extent to which this new system is likely to affect the staff adversely?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to improve the overall efficiency of the E.P.F. Organisation in rendering service to its subscribers and particularly to ensure timely issue of annual statements of accounts to the members, computerisation has been introduced in two Regional Offices. The same will be extended to other Regions also in a phased manner.

(c) The computerised system will not have any adverse effect on the staff.

Community Health Guide Scheme

8881. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to continue with the Community Health Guide (C.H.G.) Scheme;

(b) whether Government propose to enhance the honorarium paid to the CHG workers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Government propose to continue with the Village Health Guide (VHG) Scheme.

(b) and (c). No decision regarding enhancing the honorarium to VHGs has so far been taken.

Objectives of Town and Country Planning Organisation

8882. SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the objectives of the Town and Country Planning Organisation (TCPO); and

(b) the nature of international cooperation and technical assistance receive so far by TCPO?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The objective of Town and Country Planning Organisation is to act as an apex technical advisory body of the Ministry of Urban Development on matter pertaining to (i) Urban and regional planning and development strategies; (ii) Research and (iii) Training. Monitoring and evaluation of the centrally sponsored scheme under the Ministry of Urban Development and providing consultative services and project assistance to various States/Organisations are the other works performed by this organisation.

(b) TCPO does not enter directly into any international co-operation and the same is done through the Ministry of Urban Development. The Organisation has received assistance through the British Council for organising training programmes on Management of Urban Development and Urban Renewal. It has also conducted training workshops on computer programmes with the assistance of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Besides, the Ministry of Urban Development also collaborates with the UNICEF for running the Urban Basic Services Programme (UBS) and with the International Institute for Aerospace