

duction of iodised salt for free sale in the market for those who need it?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) Iodine Deficiency Disorders including goitre occur in population living in iodine deficient environment. Although iodine deficiency is the major cause of endemic goitre, other environmental factors also act in conjunction with iodine deficiency in the development of goitre. The daily requirement of iodine is fulfilled mainly by food (90%) and from natural water. Cereals, pulses, vegetables and fruits grown on iodine deficient soil are deficient in iodine. Some of vegetables and fruits contain goitrogenic factors but these goitrogens are inseparable. Various experimental studies conducted have revealed that the quantity of goitrogens required to produce goitre will necessitate consumption of such foods in very large quantities everyday. Iodine depletion of soil is due to deforestation which is lined with frequent floods and rivers changing their course.

In India, it is estimated that 150 million people including those living in rural and tribal areas, are at risk from IDD of which 54 million have iodine, Deficiency Disorders and 2.2 million are cretins.

(b) The surveys carried out by the Directorate General of Health Services, Indian Council of Medical Research and the All India Institute of Medical Science have revealed that no region in the country can be considered completely free from goitre and other Iodine Deficiency Disorders. Iodisation of salt is the cheapest and proven method of prevention of Iodine Deficiency Disorders. If any specific scientific data regarding adverse effects of consumption of iodised salt in the country is brought to the notice of the Government, then matter could be referred to I.C.M.R. to review the technical issues in the matter.

### Modernisation of Irrigation Projects in Rajasthan

8929. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some irrigation projects are proposed to be modernised in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds allocated or proposed to be allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) and (b). Out of the 10 modernisation projects received at the Centre from December, 1979 to August 1989, 8 projects have been returned due to basic deficiencies/non-compliance by the State Government of the observations of Central Water Commission for more than one year. Two projects, namely, Jaismond and Gambhiri Modernisation Projects estimated to cost Rs. 29.1 crores and envisaging benefits to about 24,000 hectares, have been examined and comments sent to the State Government for compliance.

(c) The State Government in their Annual Plan 1990-91 has proposed a provision of Rs. 5.3 crores.

### Holiday Homes In Country

8930. SHRI BABANRAO DHANKE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of holiday homes/guest houses under the control of his Ministry;

(b) the procedure for allotment of these holiday homes/guest houses;