

| <i>Sl. No.</i> | <i>Name of the Colony</i> | <i>Economic Licence Fee</i> |
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**Bonded Labour**

9016. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bonded labourers are exported to the foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government propose to take to prevent the export of these labourers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

**Hike in Cost of Construction in Urban Areas**

9017. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage increase in the last five years in respect of the cost of construction of houses in urban areas, particularly in metropolitan cities;

(b) the rate of increase in the last two years;

(c) the causes identified for the increase; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to reduce the cost so as to help the low income group and weaker sections of society?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The percentage increase in Building cost index of houses in urban areas including metropolitan cities ranges from 20.65 to 67.65.

(b) The percentage increase during the last two years, i.e. 1987-89 varieties from 5.2. to 30.0.

(c) The causes attributable to the rise in cost of construction are increase in prices of building materials like cement, steel, timber, increase in wages and transportation cost and general rise in building activity

(d) With a view to reducing the cost of construction, the Central Government has been advocating adoption of innovative technology and use of low cost building materials and components manufactured by using locally available raw materials including agricultural and industrial wastes. The CBRI, structural Engineering Research Centre, CSIR Laboratories under the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research and several other institutions are actively engaged in