

research on low cost housing. R&D efforts covers aspects like low cost/alternate building materials and components, technology option of housing for low income settlements in rural areas, economical foundations, fire safety and thermal comfort, buildings in disaster prone areas etc. Research studies on various aspects of low cost housing are also funded by the Central Government.

HUDCO is also encouraging the building material manufacturing units for production of low cost building materials by contributing to their equity capital.

Non-availability of Medicines in CGHS Dispensaries

9018. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that medicines prescribed by the CGHS doctors as well as specialists are not available generally in the CGHS dispensaries;

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

(c) the steps Government propose to take for supplying the medicines to the patients at the time they need?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). All medicines included in the formulary are by and large available in the CGHS dispensaries and are being supplied to the beneficiaries. In the event of non-availability of any medicine, the same is indented from local chemist and supplied to the beneficiaries. In emergent cases, authority slip is also given to the beneficiaries to procure the medicine from Super Bazar without any payment.

Minimum Wages for Agriculture Labour and Consumer Price Index

9019. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether minimum wages for agricultural labor are in consonance with the consumer price index in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b). The State Government have been periodically revising the minimum rates of wages in response to rise in Consumer Price Index Number. Many States have also provided for Variable Dearness Allowance linked to Consumer Price Index.

(c) Does not arise.

Repairing of Roads In Delhi

9020. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:
SHRI RAM SAGAR
(Saidpur):

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the material used in road repairs, repairs of berms, footpaths etc. in the capital is reportedly of a very poor quality;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to prevent the wasteful expenditure on repeated repairs and improve the quality of roads in Delhi; and