Prisoners Died in Tihar Jail

6720. DR. BENGALI SINGH; SHRI SHEO SHARAN VARMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of prisoners who died in Tihar Jail, Delhi during the last three months;
- (b) whether any inquiry was conducted to ascertain the causes of such deaths;
 - (c) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) During the last 3 months, i.e. January-March 1990, 4 prisoners died.

(b) to (d). Inquest proceedings have been initiated in all these cases

[English]

Gujarat Public Works contracts Disputes Arbitration Tribunal Ordinance, 1989

6721. SHRI PRAKASH KOKO BRAHMBHATT: SHRI N.J. RATHWA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat forwarded the Gujarat Public Works Contracts Disputes Arbitration Tribunal Ordinance, 1989 to Union Government for obtaining previous instructions of the President as required under the Constitution; and

(b) if, the details thereof and decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The ordinance is engaging the attention of the Government of India.

Embezziement of IRDP Funds

6722. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMA-CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of AGRICUL-TURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have received reports of embezzlement of integrated Rural Development Programme funds during 1989-90:
- (b) if so, the details of reported IRDP funds embezzled;
- (c) whether Government have made any study to determine the problems of affectively implementing the Integrated Rural Development Programme; and
- (d) if so, the details of findings and steps taken or proposed to be taken to overcome these problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOP-MENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA):
(a) Of the twenty States and U.Ts who have sent information on cases of corruption, malpractice and mis-utilisation under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) from April to December, 1989, five States have reported receiving such complaints.

(b) Number of complaints received in these five States is: Haryana 38, Madhya Pradesh 227, West Bengal 199, Kerala 241 and Rajasthan 237. The State Governments are taking action in these cases.