

Utilisation of Central Assistance given for Family Planning to Himachal Pradesh

1401. SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether target of family planning assistance for the rural areas and urban areas for the Fourth Plan has been fully utilised; and

(b) if so, the amount of Central assistance that has been utilised for the Himachal Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI KONDAJJI BASAPPA): (a) Annual financial assistance to States is not worked out on the basis of rural and urban areas separately but is decided on the basis of various activities to be undertaken under the Family Planning Programme by the concerned States as a whole. The total budget allocation for the Fourth Plan was Rs. 285.76 crores. Nearly 99 per cent of this allocation is expected to be utilised.

(b) The Central assistance utilised by Himachal Pradesh during the first four years of the Fourth Plan is Rs. 106.60 lakhs. The allocation for the current financial year is Rs. 18.88 lakhs.

CORRECTION OF ANSWER TO USQ NO. 5591 DATED 20-12-1973 RE: PELLETISATION PLANT IN MYSORE.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SUBODH HANSDA): In reply to part (b) of the question it was stated that "The proposal is under consideration of the Public Investment Board."

The correct position is however, as under.—

"The proposal is under consideration of the steel Authority of India Ltd."

As this was the last date allotted to the Ministry of Steel and Mines for answering the Questions in the Lok Sabha during the Winter Session, the correction could not be laid on the Table of the House during that Session.

12 hrs.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE: SITTING OF THE HOUSE FOR PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET

MR. SPEAKER: Before I take up the next item, I may inform you that, as is customary, we shall adjourn at 4.30 p.m. and re-assemble at 5.00 p.m. for presentation of the Budget. We shall have half-an-hour's recess, as is the practice.

Prof. Madhu Dandavate.

SHRI SAMAR GUHA (Contai): I have already written to you Sir, for permission. I want to make a submission. This is a problem that has been raised in the West Bengal Assembly. The Governor himself, in an unusual way, has mentioned in his Address that the Centre has failed to ensure supply of foodgrains to West Bengal. As I have suggested to you, this is an issue which involves different States. Kindly permit a short-duration discussion.

MR. SPEAKER: We shall put it to the Business Advisory Committee. Already discussion is going on on the President's Address. You will have ample opportunities during the discussion of the Budget and other things.

SHRI MADHURYA HALDAR (Mathurapur): We also want a discussion on the food problem of West Bengal. There due-slips are being issued instead of wheat from ration shops.

MR. SPEAKER: You can make your suggestion when the business of the House is announced and not now.

Prof. Madhu Dandavate.