

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Navabharat Times dated 27 February, 1986 under the caption "DDA Ke Makonon Kee Chhatain Jhuki" ;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOR) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The condition of the houses has been physically verified and it has been found that roof slabs of about 10 per cent houses need replacement due to lack of adequate maintenance by the allottees. The houses were built under a new scheme with the idea to construct minimum need based units for economically weaker sections of people with provision for adding another floor by the allottee from his own resources as and when required. DDA is taking steps to replace the damaged roof slabs of the houses.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

Review of Working of NFDC

*487. **SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal under consideration of Government to review the working of the National Film Development Corporation ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the performance of the NF.D.C. during the last several years is not upto the standard as to fulfil its objectives; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to improve the working of the National Film Development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) :
(a) to (d). A statement is given below.

STATEMENT

1. The National Film Development Corporation was set-up in 1980 by amalgamating the erstwhile Film Finance Corporation and Indian Motion Pictures Export Corporation.
2. The main general objectives of the National Film Development Corporation is to plan, promote and organise an integrated and efficient development of the film industry in accordance with the national economic policy and objectives laid down by the Central Government from time to time. Its activities cover import, export, distribution and exhibition of feature films. It undertakes promotional activities relating to the film industry, such as film financing, film theatre financing and organisation of international film festivals.
3. In order to satisfy itself if the Corporation has, by and large, fulfilled the objectives with which it was set up, the Government of India has constituted a one-man Committee to enquire into the functioning and performance of the Corporation since its inception.
4. The Government will await the report of the Committee before deciding the future course of action in this regard.

[Translation]

Water Supply Through Haiderpur Plant

*488. **SHRI BHARAT SINGH :** Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Haiderpur Plant in Delhi provides 357 million gallons of potable water whereas 600 million gallons of water is required for the growing population of Delhi and sufficient water is not available for resettlement colonies which have been set up; and

(b) whether the capacity of Haiderpur Plant is proposed to be augmented so that the requirement of 600 million gallons of water could be met ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOR) :

(a) No, Sir. The capacity of Haiderpur Plant is only 100 mgd.

At present the water supply from various sources in Delhi is 377 mgd against the assessed requirement of 472 mgd. The assessed requirement by 1990 is 592 mgd.

Filtered water supply has been extended to 28 out of 44 resettlement/J.J. colonies. The remaining colonies are supplied water through local tubewells/handpumps.

(b) There is a proposal to obtain 100 mgd of raw-water at Haiderpur Water Treatment Plant through Western Yamuna Canal in exchange of equivalent quantity of sewage effluent from the Okhla Sewage Treatment Plant, provided the Government of Haryana agrees to it.

[English]

Production of Coconut Seedlings

489. DR. K.G. ADIYODI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the steps taken to increase on a large scale the production of coconut seedlings including tissue culture in the country?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (S. BUTA SINGH) : The following steps have been taken to increase production and distribution of coconut seedlings on a large scale in the country :—

- (i) Coconut Development Board has established one regional nursery each in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Goa, Bihar and Tripura for production of seedlings;
- (ii) The Board has procured and supplied *18 lakh seed nuts to coconut growing states and strengthened departmental nurseries in Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil

Nadu, Bihar, Tripura and Madhya Pradesh;

- (iii) A hybrid farm extending 100 hectares in Tamil Nadu and 3 community nurseries in Kerala have also been established by the Board. Besides, a few programmes under Centrally Sponsored Scheme have been taken up for supply of coconut seedlings.

Tissue culture technique for production of planting material of coconut has been developed by Central Plantation Crops Research Institute. The method is yet to be perfected for commercial exploitation.

Telecast of Movie "New Delhi Times"

*490. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN ;
SHRI SAIFUDDIN CHOWDHARY :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Doordarshan had given a wide publicity to telecast of a movie "New Delhi Times" on Sunday the 2 March, 1986 evening;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Doordarshan had suddenly announced on Saturday the 1 March, 1986 to telecast the film "Sharmelee" instead of "New Delhi Times" that day; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL):

(a) to (d). 'New Delhi Times' a feature film in Hindi was scheduled for telecast on 2nd March, 1986. Normal advance publicity to the screening of the film was made over Doordarshan. A clipping from the film was also shown as part of the publicity

2. The film contains some scenes due to which it was not considered opportune to telecast it on the national network on March 2, 1986, in view of the situation prevailing in some parts of the country at