

shows how cordial you are towards the women.

MR. SPEAKER: I am fully cordial.

SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am Bairagi, what I have to do with the ladies?

SHRI MOTI LAL VORA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, Shri Balkavi Bairagi is a real 'Bairagi', but has full relation with his family, so he must be having a concern for the ladies.

MR. SPEAKER: He is affectionate.

KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE: In today's modern world, if there is any tear from anywhere, it is more from the 'Bairagis'.

The views expressed by the hon. Member.

SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Madam, please don't say that, my C.R. will be spoiled.

[English]

SHRI ASUTOSH LAW: It is very happy to hear that 11 new hospitals will come up in Delhi in the near future. I think, Health is a State problem and it is the State's responsibility. But unfortunately in Eastern India, there is very limited scope for treatment. I am not specifying it but I am sorry to say that particularly in the State of West Bengal, the State Government have not done anything and they are not looking after the health of the people.

The AIIMS is serving the country and looking after health care. It is a very efficient autonomous body. Is there any such proposal with the Government of India to open a branch of A.I.I.M.S. in Eastern India, especially in West Bengal? If there is no such proposal, whether Government will consider any such proposal and if so, when?

SHRI MOTI LAL VORA: He has asked the question of having a branch of an institu-

tion like A.I.I.M.S. at Calcutta. The suggestion is very good, no doubt. Definitely the suggestion has got some importance also. But in the present circumstances, there is no such proposal before the Government to establish a branch or regional branch of All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi at Calcutta. (*Interruptions*)

He wants to have a regional branch of an institution like A.I.I.M.S. at Calcutta because the State Government of West Bengal is not serving the people properly. But there is no such proposal at the moment.

Wasteland Development Project

92. SHRI SHANTILAL PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Labour Organisation has sponsored an innovative Wasteland Development Project in India;

(b) if so, the main features of the proposed project;

(c) the estimated expenditure involved and the assistance that International Labour Organisation has agreed to provide; and

(d) the benefit likely to accrue to the poor women?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) to (d). A statement is given below.

STATEMENT

The main features of ILO Project on Wasteland Development in India are creation of additional employment opportunities through conversion of wasteland into productive asset and strengthening of organisation of poor rural women.

The estimated expenditure has not been quantified because Government inputs to the project include allotment of wasteland, support for the labour requirements for the gestation period, saplings,

seeds, laboratory work and technical guidance services. The donor's contributions to the projects are US \$ 16, 70, 893.

The projects would result in enhanced income generation activities and will help rural women to manage and sustain productive activities on wasteland.

[*Translation*]

SHRI SHANTILAL PATEL: I want to know from the hon. Minister as to what action has been taken and how you are going to take further action on the ILO project.

SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY: We have selected two States for Wasteland Development Project. The work has been started in Gujarat and West Bengal. Its objective is to help the poor rural women living below the poverty line by conversion of wasteland into productive assets. For this, the Government of Gujarat has provided 613 acres of land to the voluntary organizations, the self-employed women association, and the land is there in Metal Dumli Baldama village, 70 kilometres from Ahmedabad. In West Bengal, there is another institution known as Centre for women studies, where 3 committees have been formed. We have acquired 127 acres of land through voluntary contributions. Under Danida Project, we have given \$ 807443 to West Bengal and Netherlands has given \$ 8,63450 to Gujarat. Besides land, the State Governments are also giving inputs. Although the work is not in full speed, but it is progressing.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

Supply of Foodgrains to Kerala

*83. PROF. P.J. KURIEN:
SHRI T. BASHEER:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special allotment of foodgrains was made to Kerala to help the flood victims as well as to meet the festival demand;

(b) if so, the quantity of foodgrains allotted during each of the last four months;

(c) whether Government of Kerala has lifted the allocated quantity of foodgrains; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) In addition to their monthly allocation for PDS, additional allocation of 20,000 tonnes of rice was made to Kerala in August '88 to meet the festival demand.

(b) and (c). A statement indicating allotment and offtake of foodgrains under PDS in respect of Kerala for the last four months is given below.

(d) Does not arise, as the overall lifting is more than allotment.