

(b) if so, whether Government have approved the additional levy of entrance fee; and

(c) whether Government propose to reduce this fee or totally exempt it to enable the poor people also to visit the Taj?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND):

(a) Under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, the Archaeological Survey of India has been charging an entrance fee of 50 paise from visitors (above the age of 15 years) to the Taj Mahal.

In addition to the above, since July, 1976, however, the Agra Development Authority, has been collecting at the monument, a levy of Rs. 1.50 from visitors to not only the Taj Mahal but also Agra Fort, Sikandara and Itimad Daula's Tomb.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) This levy was imposed by the State Government who are not agreeable to discontinue it.

उज्जैन का टेलीफोन केन्द्र

* 514. श्री सत्यनारायण जाटिया : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में उज्जैन स्थित टेलीफोन केन्द्र की कितने टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों की क्षमता है ;

(ख) क्या उज्जैन का स्वचालित टेलीफोन केन्द्र सुचारू रूप से कार्य कर रहा है ;

(ग) क्या उज्जैन टेलीफोन केन्द्र को वातानुकूलित बनाने के प्रबंध किये जा रहे हैं ;

(घ) उज्जैन नगर में टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों के लिये प्रतीक्षा सूची में कितने व्यक्तियों के नाम हैं ; और

(ङ) प्रतीक्षा सूची के लोगों को कब तक स्थायी टेलीफोन कनेक्शन दे दिये जाएंगे ?

संचार मंत्री (श्री सी० एम० स्टीफन) :

(क) एक्सचेंज की नाममात्र क्षमता 2400 लाइनों की है जिसमें से लगभग 2200 कनेक्शन प्रदान किष्ट जा सकते हैं ।

(ख) जी हाँ ।

(ग) जी हाँ ।

(घ) 30-6-80 को 453 व्यक्तियों के नाम प्रतीक्षा सूची में दर्ज थे, जिनमें से अधिकांश के नाम 30-9-79 के पश्चात ही दर्ज किए गए थे ।

(ङ) अगले 3 महीनों के दौरान लगभग 200 और कनेक्शन प्रदान किए जाने की संभावना है । शेष आवेदकों को 1982-83 के दौरान कनेक्शन दिए जाने की संभावना है ।

Central Housing Funds for West Bengal

*515. SHRI CHITTA MAHATA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the amount which the Central Government have sanctioned for rural housing in West Bengal; and

(b) how many rural houses were built under this scheme in West Bengal in 1979 and the targets for 1980?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Central financial assistance for the State Plan schemes is given in the shape of 'block loans' and 'block grants' for the Plan as a whole and it is not related to any particular head of development or scheme. Similarly, funds from Life Insurance Corporation and General Insurance Corporation are allocated to the States for various housing schemes as a package assistance. It is, therefore, not possible to indicate the amount sanctioned exclusively for rural housing in West Bengal.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

बड़ागांव रीवा (मध्य प्रदेश) में खुदाई

* 516. श्री फूल चन्द वर्मा : क्या शिक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को पता है कि मध्य प्रदेश में रीवा जिले के बड़ागांव नामक स्थान पर की जा रही खुदाई के दौरान पुरातत्वीय महत्व की बहुत सी वस्तुएं पाई गई हैं ;

- (ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबन्धी ब्यौरा क्या है; और
(ग) ये वस्तुएं किसके कब्जे में है ?

शिक्षा और स्वास्थ्य तथा समाज कल्याण मंत्री
श्री बी शंकरा नन्द :

(क) जी हां । परन्तु अब इन स्थलों पर पुरातत्व संबंधी कोई खुदाई नहीं हो रही है ।

(ख) एक स्थान की खुदाई में से 27 मूर्तियां और शिलालेखों के दो खंड, दो मानव-कपाल मानवों और पशुओं की अस्थियां तथा लकड़ी की कड़ी का एक टुकड़ा प्राप्त हुआ । दूसरे स्थान की खुदाई में से नौ टूटी हुई मूर्तियां आठ मानव-कपाल और मानव तथा पशु अस्थियां प्राप्त हुई ।

दोनों स्थानों से प्राप्त की गई मूर्तियां ईसा की 11वीं शताब्दी से संबंधित हैं ।

(ग) यह वस्तुएं नजरात रीवा में हैं ।

HUDCO's Scheme for Housing in Orissa

*517. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOL: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes approved and financed by the HUDCO for construction of houses in Orissa State during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the applications were invited from interested persons in Sambalpur (Orissa) for providing houses under HUDCO scheme; and

(c) if so, the amount collected therefrom and the action taken to implement the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) Schemes sanctioned by HUDCO in the State of Orissa during the last three years:—

Year	No. of Schemes sanctioned	Loan sanctioned by HUDCO (Gross) (Rs. Crores)
1977-78	4	1.47
1978-79	13	8.05
1979-80	5	2.00

(b) and (c). HUDCO received a Scheme, namely, Sidheswar Housing Accommodation • Stage-I Sambalpur from the Sambalpur Regional Improve-

ment Trust for construction of 117 Dwelling Units (EWS-63 and LIG-54) in May, 1977 intimating that the Sambalpur Regional Improvement Trust has already conducted a demand survey by inviting applications alongwith initial deposit of Rs. 50, Rs. 100 and Rs. 200 per EWS, LIG and MIG house respectively. However, the amount collected, by way of initial deposit has not been intimated by the State Government. The Scheme could not be sanctioned by HUDCO as the Sambalpur Regional Improvement Trust could not acquire and take into possession the land on which the construction was proposed and finally the SRIT decided to abandon the scheme vide its letter No. 1346 dated 21-6-1979 addressed to the State Government, and copy endorsed to HUDCO.

Marketing of Poultry and Dairy Products of Rural Areas

*518. SHRI ARJUN SETHI: Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given any consideration for providing marketing facilities for poultry and dairy products of rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION (SHRI BIRENDRA SINGH RAO): (a) and (b). Development of poultry and dairying are State subjects. The State Governments/Union Territories have initiated schemes for providing marketing facilities for poultry and dairy products produced in the rural areas. State-Level Poultry Marketing Organisations and Corporations have been set up by some of the State Governments like Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Gujarat and Maharashtra etc. The National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) is also assisting in the marketing of eggs and poultry at the national level. NAFED has already set up a Poultry Marketing Division and taken up marketing of eggs at Delhi, in the first place, where eggs arrive from various rural areas of Northern States. It is currently handling about 2 lakh eggs daily