

**Constructions near Jama Masjid, Delhi**

\*114 **SHRI OM PRAKASH TYAGI** Will the Minister of **WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION** be pleased to State

(a) whether during the Emergency DDA started constructions near Jama Masjid Delhi,

(b) whether this was being done against the Urban Act Regulations,

(c) whether the digging of tunnels to construct the basement has caused damage to the Masjid; and

(d) the steps being taken to undo the damage and to maintain the aesthetic look of the mosque?

**THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT)** (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Yes, Sir The approval of Urban Art Commission had not been obtained

(c) No tunnel had been dug The foundation of the basement did not cause any damage to the Jama Masjid

(d) In view of the reply given to part (c) above the question of 'damage does not arise The Delhi Development Authority had set up a group of experts to review the work done by the DDA in areas around the Turkman Gate and Jama Masjid and to suggest suitable steps for improving the existing situation The group has made certain recommendations regarding the aesthetic look of the mosque and for improving its environs These recommendations have been referred to the Delhi Urban Art Commission for scrutiny and approval.

**Storage of Rain Water**

\*115 **SHRI D D DESAI** Will the Minister of **AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION** be pleased to state

(a) whether Government has any scheme to build water storages in all villages where rain water run off can be collected, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH)** (a) and (b) Construction of storage tanks for irrigation purpose from an important item under the minor irrigation programme Feasibility for constructing these storage works, however depends upon local factors such as availability of proper sites adequate run-off etc It is proposed to accelerate the minor irrigation programme including these projects during the next plan Apart from construction of new works special emphasis is proposed to be laid on proper maintenance of these works and also on the rehabilitation of the existing derelict works

Water storage structures to harness rain water are also an important component of the soil conservation programme The programme of construction of such structures is proposed to be enlarged under the new strategy of water-shed management

**Measure, to check Unauthorised Constructions in Delhi**

\*116 **DR LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA**

**SHRI SUBHASH AHUJA**

Will the Minister of **WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION** be pleased to state

(a) whether reports are being received that unauthorised constructions are in full swing in Delhi,