

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,

(b) if so, the shortcomings in the measures adopted so far for checking such unauthorised constructions; and

(c) whether Government propose to take immediate action to remove these shortcomings?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT) (a) Cases of unauthorised construction have been reported

(b) and (c). Government have asked the local authorities to take stringent measures and plug loopholes in the administration of the relevant laws

Sale of Land at Exorbitant Rates to the Persons of Low Income Group

*117. **SHRI SHIV SAMPATI RAM** Will the Minister of **WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the cases of allotting residential plots of land by the D.D A to low income group people in new residential colonies in Delhi through draw of lots at exorbitant rates,

(b) if so, the decision taken in the matter and whether certain amount of money is proposed to be refunded to those low income group people to whom the plots measuring below 100 square meters have been sold at Rs. 96 per square meter; and

(c) if not, whether Government consider this price of land reasonable?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT) (a) Rates of plots of different sizes are based on cost structure. The structure is however being reviewed

(b) No, Sir.

(c) In view of (a) does not arise.

Integrated Rural Development

*118. **SHRI C. N. VISVANATHAN:** Will the Minister of **AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION** be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred so far on the scheme of Integrated Rural Development and the concrete results achieved; and

(b) whether the scheme, as worked so far, throws out hopes of more meaningful breakthrough in rural development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH) (a) The total expenditure incurred under the Integrated Rural Development programme by the Deptt. of Rural Development so far i.e. 76-77 and 77-78 comes to Rs. 62.81 lakhs

This scheme is being operated only in the district of Chandrapur in Maharashtra and the sanction was issued only towards the end of 1976-77. It is therefore too early to assess the concrete result achieved under this programme

(b) Govt have come to the conclusion that the original Integrated Rural Development programme involving the preparation of Resources Inventories, and Action Plans for the selected districts was a time consuming process and it has been decided not to proceed on these lines. The question of having a revised programme for Rural Development is under consideration

Third National Sports Festival for Women

*119. **SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY:** Will the Minister of **EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Third National Sports Festival for Women would be held in 1977, and