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**WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS**

**Sale of drugs in Delhi**

\*423. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Indian Express dated the 29th June, 2001, under the heading, "Easy to get high in Delhi, Cops do little";

(b) if so, what are the places where drugs are sold openly and no action is taken by the police against the culprits; and

(c) whether Government have fixed the responsibility on the S.H.O.s' of those areas and if not, the reasons therefor and what action Government propose to take against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The report that the drugs were being sold openly at places in Delhi and the Police can do precious little about it is not correct. During the first six months of the current year itself, Delhi Police registered 381 cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

**Amount sanctioned by N.E.C. to improve the Dhodar Ali**

\*425. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned by North-Eastern Council (NEC) to improve the Dhodar Ali in Assam;

(b) what is the progress of this work;

(c) why the work has not been done in the portion of Dhodar Ali from Deberapar to Jaypore of Dibrugarh District; and

(d) whether it is due to the negligence of contractors whom the work has been given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) The total length of Dhodar Ali Road is 212 Kms. Under the NEC programme, a stretch of 100 Kms. was sanctioned in 1989-90 for

improvement, with a cost estimate of Rs. 31 crores. The Public Works Department of the Government of Assam has completed 79.38 Kms. of formation, 78.10 Kms. of pavement and has partially completed 4 bridges. The expenditure incurred by State Government on these works upto now is Rs. 24.15 crores.

The worst stretches of this road were included for improvement under the NEC Plan in 1988. The portions from Devarapar to Simulguri and Sonari to Joypur were not included under the NEC Plan in 1988. The distances from devarapar to Simulguri is approximately 40 Kms. and from Sonari to Joypur is approximately 57 Kms. Hence, works have not been taken up on the stretches which were not covered under the approved road project.

#### **Security at the residences of MPs**

†\*426. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a plan to post security guards at the residences of Members of Parliament in Delhi during Parliament Session in view of the brutal killing of a woman M.P. in broad day light in a VIP area in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir. No such proposal is presently under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Security is provided on the basis of threat perception.

#### **Safe drinking water to habitations affected by fluoride or brackish Water**

\*427. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned 12 water projects for providing safe drinking water to habitations affected by fluoride or having brackish water; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the projects would be taken up for early completion?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.