

Fire safety of conference centre

3624. SHRI N.K. SINGH : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that according to Delhi Fire Service, India's premier conference centre, where VIPs are invited frequently, is without a fire safety mechanism;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that in April, 1990, following a major fire, Government had asked CPWD to restore the building that was not equipped with the safety mechanism; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) No, Sir. India's premier conference centre, the Vigyan Bhavan, is fully equipped with the necessary fire safety mechanism duly cleared by Chief Fire Officer, Delhi.

(b) Renovation of the building was carried out during 1991-92 after the fire incident which included the fire safety mechanism as per recommendations of the Chief Fire Officer, Delhi in accordance with fire safety norms and NoC was issued by the Chief Fire Officer.

(c) Not applicable in view of (b) above.

Jhuggies on Government Land

3625. SHRI MANGALA KISAN : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for which a large number of jhuggies have come up on Government land in CPWD Colony, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi;
- (b) whether the present CPWD officials are involved in setting these jhuggies;
- (c) the action Government proposes to take to remove these jhuggies; and
- (d) the action contemplated against the said CPWD officials?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) There are no jhuggies within CPWD Colony at Vasant Vihar, New Delhi, as such.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Kolkata under Water Metro Project

3626. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is indifferent to the previously announced Kolkata under water Metro-Project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that there is a lack of coordination among the two Ministries of the Union Government and the State Government in connection with this project; and
- (d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Union Government had earlier approved on 30.7.2008 the implementation of East-West Metro corridor project in Kolkata covering a length of 13.77 km. from Howrah Railway Station to Salt Lake