

has not revised the guidelines for State Governments on the subject. However, Delhi Administration has reduced the number of dry days from 92 to 27 in 1981-82.

(b) and (c) No basic changes in the policy are contemplated in this regard.

Registration of Group Housing Societies in Delhi

*158. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state;

(a) the total number of registered Cooperative Group Housing Societies in the Capital at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that many of these Group Housing Societies are collecting Rs. 5,000 or above in lump sum from their individual Members;

(c) if so, what are the names of these Societies who have collected such lump sum amounts during the last three years;

(d) whether Central Government have permitted such Housing Societies to make such lump sum collections; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) 516.

(b) The Registrar of Cooperative Societies has reported that societies which are offered/allotted land by the DDA collect Rs. 5000 or more from the individual members.

(c) to (e) When land is allotted or

offered to any cooperative group housing societies, the society is to collect money from its members to meet the cost of the land. Permission of the Central Government is not necessary for collecting this amount. Government do not therefore maintain the details of the societies who have collected this amount or are in the process of collecting this amount from the individual members.

Assessment of drought

*159. SHRI N. K. P. SALVE; SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether any Central teams were sent to assess the extent of drought in the different States this year;

(b) if so, to which States such teams were sent; and

(c) what is the latest Government's information about the intensity and extent of drought in different States?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL RECONSTRUCTION AND IRRIGATION AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) During the year 1981-82 so far, a Central Team visited Tamil Nadu between the 1st and the 4th April, 1981 and another Central Team visited Rajasthan from the 15th to the 18th April, 1981.

(c) A statement showing the extent of damage on account of drought situation in different States is laid on the Table of the House.