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BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) No. Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration. It is not possible at this stage to indicate the outcome and when a final decision will be taken.

Construction of Multi-Storeyed Hostel

1377. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND **HOUSING** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to construct a modern multistoreyed hostel in place of present building of Western Court; and
- (b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIA-MENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Construction of Dwelling Units in approved 'Lal Dora' land in Delhi

1373. SHRIMATI MARAGA-THAM CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any permission is required from the Delhi Development Authority or the Municipal Corporation of Delhi for construction of single/double Storey dwelling units in approved "Lal Dora land in Delhi villages; and
- (b) if not, what are the reasons for harassing people who have constructed residential dwelling units on approved "Lal Dora land?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIA-**AFFAIRS** MENTARY AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) The Delhi Development Authority have reported that in the case of villages which have been urbanised and declared as 'Development Area', their permission is required for carrying out any development/construction.

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi have reported that their permission is not required in the case of areas falling under their jurisdiction.

(b) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi have reported that in view of their reply to part (a) above, the question of causing harassment to the people does not arise.

Fair Price Shops

1379. SHRI U. R. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUP-PLIES be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the percentage of people covered under the Fair Price Shops in India;
- (b) what is the number of fair price shops in urban areas and in rural areas; and
- · (c) what is the total amount of subsidy given by Government during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUP-PLIES (SHRI BRAJ MOHAN MOHANTY): (a) According to the latest reports the total population covered by the fair price shops in the country is about 62.76 crores.

- (b) Out of the total 2.97 lakh fair price shops in the country, 0.59 lakhs are in urban areas and 2.38 lakhs are in rural areas.
- (c) There is no provision for giving subsidy for opening of fair price shops.

Water Supply in Government Colonies in New Delhi

1380. SHRI J. K. JAIN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the usual daily hours of water supply in the various Government colonies spe-