

Buch upto 31st March, 1969. With fleet from 1st April, 1969, the Scheme stands transferred to the State Director, to be financed by the States out of block loan and block grant given by the Central Government for J.Mate Plan schemes. The basic feature of the Scheme is to rehouse the slum dwellers at the existing sites or nearer and to provide minimum standards of environmental hygiene. The Scheme has the following three basic components:—

- (1) Rehousing eligible families living in slum areas through provision of developed plots, skeletal houses, dormitory/hostel type of accommodation and pucca tenements.
- (2) Construction of night-shelters in cities and towns with acute problem of pavement dwellers.
- (3) Improvement of environmental conditions in slum areas and improvement of pucca built dwellings in slum areas.

Exploratory drilling operations

537. SHRI BHAIRAB CHANDRA MAHANTI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state what is the number of exploratory drilling operations with locations which are going on at present to strike oil sources and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): In on-shore areas exploratory drilling operations are being carried out on several structures, namely, Khansang in Arunachal Pradesh, Daramura and Gojalia in Tripura, Rajbari, Geleki, Charali, Hal-wating, Demulgaon, Charaideo and Barak (Cachar) in Assam, Diamond Harbour and Radha in West Bengal, Motwan, Dahej, North Wamej, Poliyad, Wasna, Linen, West Sobhasan, North Xadi and Cambay in Gujarat and Margapur in Andhra Pradesh. In offshore area* drilling is in progress in three locations in structures on the West Coast and one location each in

Godavari and Mahanadi basins. Indications of on-shore oil have been found in two wells at Poliyad and North Wamej. The presence of oil and gas has been indicated in the well in West Motwan. In the off-shore wells, presence of oil has been indicated in R-12 Structure. The prospects of other wells will be known when tests are carried out after drilling to the objective depths.

Medium of instructions in Central Schools

538. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that medium of instruction in the Central Schools is still English;
- (b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and
- (c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, what is the medium of instruction in the Central Schools located in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The media of instruction in all the Kendriya Vidyalayas (Central Schools), including those located in Delhi, is Hindi for Social Studies/ Humanities and English for Science and Mathematics in all the classes. Instructions through the media of both Hindi and English are imparted with the ultimate objective of enabling the students to achieve a reasonable level of proficiency in both the languages.

Linking¹ of Madhubani and other districts of Bihar with Delhi

539. SHRI SHIVA CHANDRA JHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to link Madhubani and other districts of North Bihar with Delhi with a direct dialling;
- (b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN): (a) Linking Delhi to Madhubani and other District Headquarters of North Bihar is part of long term objective of the Government to introduce National Subscriber Dialling in the country.

(b) Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur and Chapra are already provided with STD to Delhi. Other district Headquarters of North Bihar including Madhubani are planned to be provided with STD to Delhi progressively during the next 10 years.

(c) Does not arise.

'Food for Work' Programme

540. SHRI M. R. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of RURAL RECONSTRUCTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been done of the achievements made under the "Food for Work" Programme; and

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of persons closer to the political parties and personalities have been benefited from the programme at the cost of the works intended for the community?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Programme Evaluation Organisation of planning Commission recently conducted an evaluation study of Food for Work Programme in 10 States. The evaluation study report does not indicate that persons close to political parties and personalities have been benefited from the programme at the cost of the works intended for the community.

Shifting of ONGC headquarters from Rajahmundry to Hyderabad

541. SHRI V. B. RAJU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND

CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to shift the ONGC on-shore project headquarters from Rajahmundry to Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATH.): (a) There is no proposal to transfer the Headquarters of the Krishna-Godavari project from Rajahmundry to Hyderabad.

(b) Does not arise.

Checking of the stocks of F.C.I.

542. SHRI V. B. RAJU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) when the latest checking of the stocks of the Food Corporation of India was done; and

(b) what is the percentage of the foodgrains in stocks found unfit for human consumption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN): (a) Foodgrains stored by FCI are subjected to regular inspection every month by Quality Control Staff.

(b) A quantity of 14.97 million tonnes of foodgrains was held by F.C.I. as on 1st February, 1980 out of which 1,13,121 tonnes was unfit for human consumption which works out to 0.75%.

Grant of loans to Delhi University teachers for construction of houses

543. SHRIMATI LEELA DAMODARA MENON: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 669 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th February 1979 and state:

(a) whether the proposal for grants of loans to the Delhi University teachers for construction of houses has been implemented;