

the number of labourers employed, in addition to the regular employees is 17,159. Besides, labour is engaged by the Contractors as well as 'by the F.C.I. under the "direct payment" system in other depots. Since such labour is engaged on the basis of quantum and urgency of work, their numbers vary from time to time.

(c) Yes, Sir.

<d) No, Sir.]

National Capital Region Plan

•54. SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have shelved the National Capital Region Plan;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and how much expenditure has so far been incurred on the scheme; and

(c) whether Government have formulated any alternative plan or scheme to reduce the pressure of population in the capital ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Central assistance of Rs. 618 lakhs as loan had been given to the State Governments upto the end of year 1978-79.

(c) In view of reply to (a), this does not arise.

Withdrawal of history text books

■*55. SHRI BHUPESH GUPTA:
SHRI JAGJIT SINGH
ANAND:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that certain history text books were with-

drawn from the syllabi of higher secondary schools by the previous Government;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to reconsider the decision?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) The Central Board of Secondary Education withdrew one textbook, namely 'Ancient India' by Prof. R. S. Sharma, from the list of prescribed books. The whole matter is under examination and an appropriate decision would be taken in the matter in due course.

Sewerage facilities in Yamunapuri Delhi

*56. SHRI BHOLA PRASAD: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to provide sewerage facilities in Yamunapuri, a DDA colony of Delhi; and

(b) if not, by when these facilities are likely to be provided there?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI P. C. SETHI): (a) The Delhi Development Authority has reported that sewer lines have been laid in Blocks C-1 to C-6 in Yamunapuri, that in respect of the remaining blocks, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has recently approved the scheme and that some of the works are in progress.

(to) It may take about one year to complete the works.