

(c) The price of polypack milk is considered reasonable in view of its higher fat and solids content as compared to milk from T5ulk vending machine; as such no reduction in price of polypack milk is contemplated.

Selection of three towns for conducting experiment on the migratory pattern of population

1160. DR. RAPIQ ZAKARIA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria under which Government have selected three small towns in Rajasthan, U.P. and Gujarat for finding the effect that their development will have on the migratory patterns of population from rural areas to urban agglomerations;

(b) what are the reasons for which the three most urbanised States of Maharashtra, West Bengal and Tamil Nadu were ignored in conducting this experiment; and

(c) what is the object of this experiment?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) The three small towns, selected by the HUDCO in the States of Rajasthan, U. P. and Gujarat are for the purpose of taking up Integrated Development Programmes. The towns in the States of U. P. and Rajasthan form part of the National Capital Region and have been so selected that they are fairly away from the major metropolitan centre. It is expected that an Integrated Development Programme in these towns will help generate employment opportunities, and thereby help in reducing migration from rural areas to the major metropolitan centres. The town in the State of Gujarat was selected as the HUDCO wanted to

develop the small township there on virgin land.

(b) All the States have been requested to identify and select such growth centres in their own areas. On the basis of experience gained in respect of three towns already selected, further programmes will be considered in each State.

(c) The basic purpose of selecting smaller towns/growth centres is to provide them with necessary infra-structural facilities so that they can develop and thereby help divert the massive flow of migration from rural areas to the major metropolitan centres. The purpose is not to find the effect of the development on migratory patterning of population! from rural areas to urban agglomerations in general.

Out-break of Kala-Azar in some States

1161. SHRI SWAMI DINESH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large populations in States like Bihar have recently been affected by Kala-Azar;

(b) what is the number of victims of the disease in each of the affected States; and

(c) what steps the Central Government propose to take to contain and prevent the virus growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAG-DAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) No large scale incidence of Kala-Azar has been reported from States/Union Territories other than Bihar.

(b) In Bihar, 21751 cases of Kala-Azar with 32 deaths have been reported during 1978 up to 22nd July. No reports have been received from other States/Union Territories.