

Designs/Plans for Construction of Houses in Ghonda Colony

524. SHRI JAGJIT SINGH ANAND: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the DDA allotted some plots in the Ghonda Colony, Delhi and prepared certain designs/plans according to which allottees were to construct their houses at these plots;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the plot owners were asked to compulsorily purchase eight copies of these designs at a price of Rs. 64/-; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for insisting on purchase of the copies from the Delhi Development Authority and not allowing the plot holders to have their own copies made?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) Yes, 3165 residential plots in Ghonda Residential Scheme were allotted.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Idle Electronic Instruments with Agricultural Universities

525. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a study team set up by the Electronic Commission has come to the conclusion that 30 to 35 per cent of the electronic instruments available with agricultural universities in India are lying idle; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what steps Govern-

ment propose to take to ensure an optimum use of these instruments?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Yes, Sir. The report of the Panel on Agri-Electronic Instrumentation set up by the Electronic Commission, published in September, 1976 stated that around 30 to 35 per cent of the total instruments available in the agricultural organisations are lying inoperative.

(b) The report gave particulars of only a few important instruments and not a complete list of all instruments reported to be lying idle.

The instruments are lying idle because of various reasons including improper selection, incomplete procurement, lack of knowledge in operation, inadequate maintenance etc.

Government are aware of the situation. Most of the Agricultural Universities have already established Instrumentation Cells for the maintenance and repairs to these instruments. Care is now being exercised in the selection, procurement and installation of the equipment. ICAR is giving grants-in-aid to the agricultural universities for establishment of these Instrumentation Cells. The problem was also discussed at the last meeting of the Vice-Chancellors of the agricultural universities held in March, 1977 and it was decided to hold a Summer Institute on this subject with the help of the Electronics Commission at an early date. Scientists and technicians from agricultural universities will receive training in the handling, maintenance and other aspects of these instruments during the Summer Institute.

Payment of Salaries to Teachers of Nehru Memorial Middle School, Delhi

526. SHRI BIR CHANDRA DEB BURMAN: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to refer to the