

output, the prevailing price level as well as the need for making the commodities available to the consumer at a reasonable level and safeguarding the interests of the vulnerable sections of the population.

Exemption from payment of registration fee in Delhi

*40. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that purchasers of D.D.A. flats/plots of land in Janta and Low Income Groups are exempted from payment of registration fee in Delhi;

(b) whether the Delhi Municipal Corporation and the Delhi Development Authority have recommended to Government to exempt buyers of Middle Income Group flats also from payment of registration fee; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) No exemption from payment of registration fee under the Indian Registration Act, 1908 has been granted.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The question does not arise.

Barak Dam Project

*41. SHRI NRIPATI RANJAN CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have completed the survey of the Barak Dam Project;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, by when the survey is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PARKASH SINGH BADAL): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) to (c) Earlier at the request of the Assam Government the investigations including topographical and other surveys had been completed for a dam across Barak river at Bhubandar for a limited purpose of affording flood protection to Silchar town and project report prepared. Since this proposal submerged rich agricultural lands and potential industrial area of Jiribhum valley in Manipur, the State Government did not agree to the dam at this site. It was accordingly decided to investigate alternate sites for a dam with larger potential and benefits in the upper reaches of Barak River. The State Governments of Assam and Manipur agreed in December 1975, to the carrying out of investigations by the Central Water Commission on an alternative site at Tipaimukh. At this site investigations are contemplated for a dam of about 150 m. height with a storage capacity of about 0.73 million hectare metres and a hydro-station at the foot of the dam with an installed capacity of about 600 M.W. The project is expected to also provide substantial irrigation and flood control benefits, details of which are yet to be assessed. Funds have been arranged recently and the work of investigation of Tipaimukh dam project is being taken up shortly which is expected to be completed in a period of about 3 years.

Award of scholarships to talented science students

*42. SHRI HARSH DEO MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the N.C.E.R.T. awards scholarships at the national level to talented science students;

(b) whether it is a fact that Biology group students prefer to go for medical education after the 1st year of B.Sc.;

(c) whether it is a fact that students who opt for medical education are not considered for these scholarships; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor and whether Government propose to give scholarship to those students also who opt for medical education?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such specific trend has been noticed so far.

(c) Till 1976, the National Talent Search Scholarships were intended only for higher studies in basic sciences and agricultural sciences but with effect from 1977 this facility has been extended to the areas of engineering, medicine, social sciences. This new scheme will apply to those who will take the 10th class National Talent Search Examination this year. However, the scheme in its present form i.e. scholarships for higher studies in basic sciences after higher secondary course will also continue for 2 more years. With effect from 1979 awardees, both at the end of class X and class XII, shall have the option to opt for courses in Engineering, Medicine, Social Sciences|Agriculture|basic sciences.

(d) In order to provide equal encouragement to talented students opting for various types of academic courses such as basic sciences, agricultural sciences, engineering, medicine and social sciences, the National Council of Educational Research and Training has extended the scope of the present National Science Talent Search Scheme as per details given in part (c) above.

निर्धन ग्रामीणों के लिए आवासीय स्थल

*43. श्री देवराव पाटिल : क्या निर्माण और आवास तथा पूर्ति और पुनर्वास मंत्री यह बताते की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने देश में निर्धन ग्रामीणों के लिए आवासीय स्थलों का उपबन्ध करने के लिए कोई नई योजना बनाई है; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उसका व्यौरा क्या है ?

†[Housing sites for rural poor]

*43. SHRI DEORAO PATIL: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any fresh scheme for providing housing sites to the rural poor in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

निर्माण और आवास तथा पूर्ति और पुनर्वास मंत्री (श्री सिकन्दर बख्त) : (क) अभी तक नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

†[THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.]

†[] English translation.