

(b) Does not arise]

ALLOTMENT OF LAND TO THE KALKAJI BEST FRIENDS COOPERATIVE HOUSE BUILDING SOCIETY LTD.

*477. SHRI SWAISINGH SISODIA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether land has been allotted to the Kalkaji Best Friends Coopeartive House Building Society Ltd. by the D.D.A.

(b) if so, the details of the land allotted;

(c) whether it is a fact that the records of the said Society have been seized by Government recently;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the outcome of the inquiry conducted into the affairs of the Society?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHOLA PASWAN SHASTRI): (a) No land has been allotted to this Society so far.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Following upon complaints against some of the office bearers of the Society about irregularities in the working of the Society, an inquiry was ordered by the Registrar of the Coopeartive Societies, Delhi Administration.

(e) The inquiry is in progress.

STARVATION DEATHS IN SCARCITY-HIT AREAS

*478. SHRI GANESH LAL MALI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports appearing in the Indian Express of January 13, 1973 to the effect that there were more than 100 starvation deaths in the scarcity hit areas

of Rajasthan especially in Jaisalmer District and in Rajasthan Canal project area;

(b) whether Government have received any information from the Rajasthan Government about the reported starvation deaths particularly about the death of a woman in Debri village in Jaisalmer and about the death of 13 children by starvation during the past three months; and

(c) if so, what specific steps have been taken and instructions issued to the State authorities in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Rajasthan Government has reported that there has been no death due to starvation in Jaisalmer District and in Rajasthan Canal project area.

CURRICULA OF ENGINEERING COLLEGES

*479. Shri SITARAM KESRI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report by the UNESCO field office in New Delhi suggesting change in the curricula of the Engineering Colleges; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken steps to implement the suggestion?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, The report appeared in a press release issued by UNESCO field office in Bangkok on the progress of the project "Post Graduate Education of Engineers" being implemented by the Government with assistance from the United Nations Development Programme. Under this project, post graduate courses in engineering and technology have been intro-