

† TRAFFICKING IN ADIVASI GIRLS FROM ORISSA

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to newspaper reports about the large scale trafficking in Adivasi Girls from economically backward sections from Orissa to other States ;

(b) whether Government have made any investigation into these reports ;

(c) if so, the findings thereof ; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to check this traffic ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI F. H. MOHSIN) (a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The State Government have reported that there is no large-scale trafficking in Adivasi Girls from economically backward sections of Orissa to other States. They have further stated that there have been only two such cases recently which are under investigation by the State C.I.D.,

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CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

REPORTED IMMINENT WATER CRISIS IN THE CAPITAL

SHRIMATI SAVITA BEHAN (Delhi) :
Sir, I rise to call the attention of the Minister of Works and Housing, Health and Family Planning to the reported imminent 'water crisis' in the Capital and the steps taken by Government to meet the situation.

[MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair]

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING, HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI UMASHANKAR DIKSHIT) :
Sir, Government are aware of the difficulties

that have been reported from some parts of Delhi regarding water supply. As soon as these difficulties came to notice, the Ministry of Health took up the matter with the Delhi Municipal Corporation which is responsible for the supply of water and for its distribution in the Corporation area as also with the New Delhi Municipal Committee which is responsible for distribution arrangements in the N. D. M. C. area. Some steps have been taken to provide relief to the consumers and further measures are in hand to prevent the situation from deteriorating.

A total supply of the order of 175 million gallons daily is being maintained at present in Delhi. This is about 10 million gallons daily more than the average supply in the last year and nearly 30 million gallons daily more than that in the previous year. However, difficulties are being experienced mainly because the demand is at its peak during summer months.

Scarcity in the N.D.M.C. area was reported from Moti Bagh I, Sarojini Nagar, Netaji Nagar, Kidwai Nagar, parts of Diplomatic Enclave and certain adjoining areas. The reasons for this scarcity have been identified to be (1) misuse of filtered water for lawns etc. and (2) break-down of two water pumps out of 6 in use for pumping of raw water. As far as the second aspect is concerned, while steps are being taken to repair the water pumps, the commissioning of these pumps is likely to take some time. Immediate relief would lie in preventing the misuse of filtered water for lawns etc. For this purpose, the New Delhi Municipal Committee has already served notices for stopping such misuse on 120 consumers and action has been initiated for stopping the connections of defaulters. It is expected that as a result of this step, there would be a net increase of the order of about 4 million gallons daily in the availability of filtered water for drinking purposes.

In the Corporation area difficulty was experienced in R. K. Puram, Moti Bagh II, Parts of East Nizamuddin, city area, Sadar Pahar Ganj and Rajinder Nagar. The main difficulty in these parts is on account of the situation of the affected buildings on higher elevation and on the tail-end of the distribution lines. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi has already taken some corrective action in respect of management of the distribution lines with a view to rectifying imbalances in supply. Further with a view to alleviating the difficulties of these areas, the Corporation has also pressed into commission 20 water tankers.

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