

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING, HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI UMASHANKAR DIKSHIT) (a) to (e) According to the Zonal Development Plan for the D I Z area, it would be possible to accommodate a density of about 150 persons per acre in this area against the present density of about 35 persons per acre. As and when additional funds become available, the existing single-storeyed quarters are being demolished and are being replaced by multi-storeyed flats to accommodate more families. So far, 399 single storey quarters have been demolished for making sites available for construction of new quarters and for providing community facilities and extension to Willingdon Hospital. During the current financial year, 424 quarters in multi-storeyed blocks have been completed and 188 more quarters are under construction.

RISE IN THE PRICE OF COCONUT OIL

*199. SHRI J S TILAK Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that the prices of coconut oil are very high, and that this essential commodity is practically out of reach of the common man ,

(b) whether these high prices are due to the fact that coconut is exported abroad in very large quantities to the detriment of the country's needs , and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to make coconut oil available to the common man at a fair price ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHEB SHINDE) (a) No, Sir. Rather, the prices have a downward trend

(b) Does not arise as export of Copra and Coconut oil is banned and only very small quantities of coconuts as such are exported

(c) Does not arise,

SETTING UP OF ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICINES

*200 SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state .

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to set up an All India Institute of Medicines shortly ,

(b) if so, what will be the functions of the Institute , and

(c) whether and by when it will be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING, HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI UMASHANKAR DIKSHIT) (a) to (c) No, but it has been agreed in principle to set up an All India Institute of Ayurveda to bring together in one place education facilities of the highest order for the training of personnel in all important branches of health activity based on Ayurveda so as to develop demonstrable patterns of under-graduate and post-graduate education and research. The scheme is proposed to be included in the Fifth Five Year Plan.

BUFFER STOCK OF FOODGRAINS

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SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government is planning to increase the buffer stock of foodgrains in the country ,

(b) if so, what are the details of the programme, year-wise, during the Fourth Plan period ,

(c) what is the additional budget allocation which will be needed for the purpose ; and

(d) the resources to meet this expenditure ?