

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI K. K. SHAH): (a)

Name of Society	Amount deposited
	Rs.
1. L.S.I. Cooperative House Building Society ..	3,51,600
2. C.S.I.R. Cooperative House Building Society ..	4,64,640
3. New Ashoka Cooperative House Building Society ..	5,50,000
4. Shreshtha Cooperative House Building Society ..	5,80,800
5. Maulana Azad Cooperative House Building Society ..	1,54,880
6. Vira Cooperative House Building Society ..	1,16,160

(b) and (c) The six Societies referred to in part (a) are being considered by the Delhi Administration for the allotment of land on the 'group housing' basis.

स्वेज नहर को पुनः खोल देने की योजना

132. श्री सूरज प्रसाद : क्या वंदेशिक कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि संयुक्त अरब गणराज्य सरकार ने स्वेज नहर को पुनः खोलने के लिये कोई योजना अमरीकी सरकार को भेजी है ; और

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो उस योजना के संबंध में भारत सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

■(•)[SCHEME FOR RE-OPENING THE SUEZ CANAL

132. SHRI SURAT PRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.A.R. Government have sent a scheme regarding the reopening of the Suez Canal to the U.S. Government; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of India with regard to that scheme?]

वंदेशिक कार्य मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री सुरेन्द्र पाल सिंह) : (क) सरकार ने इस आशय की खबरें देखी हैं।

(ख) भारत सरकार पश्चिम एशिया में न्यायोचित और स्थायी रूप से शांति स्थापित करने का तथा अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय ना परिवहन के लिये स्वेज नहर के फिर से खोलने का स्वागत करेगी।

-(•)[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH): (a) Government have seen reports to this effect.

(b) Government of India would welcome the establishment of a just and lasting peace in West Asia and the reopening of the Suez Canal to international shipping.]

EXPENDITURE ON FAMILY PLANNING

133. SHRI J. S. TILAK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount spent by Government for the family planning programme during the financial year 1969-70;

(b) how much of this amount has been received from foreign countries as gift, loan etc.; and

(c) when Government expect to achieve the accepted standard of birth rate per thousand of population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI H. S. MURTHY): (a) Rs. 4,153.13 lakhs (estimated).

(b) The foreign aid received for the family planning programme has been in the nature of commodities, consultancy services and fellowships which are not reflected in the amount given in reply to part (a) above. The total amount of foreign assistance which has been received or agreed to for the programme is given in the statement attached.

ii i All efforts are being made and it is expected that the birth rate will be reduced from 39 per thousand population in 1968 to 25 by 1980.