

NEW COLONIES IN DELHI

*917. **Choudhuri Muhammed Shafiq**: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new houses are being built in some new colonies just by the side of the Historic Monuments in Delhi State;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that the beauty and grandeur of these historic monuments would be ruined; and

(c) if so, the steps, that Government have taken or propose to take in this respect?

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri P. S. Naskar): (a) to (c).

With the increase of building activity, pressure on land has very much increased with the result that some construction had to be undertaken even in such localities. Every effort, however, has been made to reduce the resultant jarring effect by properly integrating the monuments in the layout of the colonies, by reservation of land for lawns and open spaces and by focusing important roads on monuments.

श्री भक्त दर्शन: क्या गवर्नमेंट के ध्यान में यह बात आयी है कि कुछ ऐसी पुरानी इमारतें हैं जो कि टूट-फूट गयी हैं लेकिन जिनकी वजह से सड़कों में रुकावट होती है और प्राकृतिक दृश्य भी असुन्दर हो रहा है? क्या उनको हटाने के बारे में कोई विचार किया जा रहा है?

निर्माण, धावास और संभरण मंत्री (सरदार स्वर्ण सिंह): ऐसी इमारतों को हटाना बहुत मुश्किल है। इसके खिलाफ आवाज उठती है।

DAMODAR VALLEY CORPORATION

*926. **Shrimati Renu Chakravartty**: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to keep the entire team of workers of Damodar Valley Corporation who built the Multi-purpose projects of this big irrigation and power plan in permanent service for use in building similar projects in other parts of India;

(b) whether there is any intention of building a permanent service cadre for dams and barrage building and power projects;

(c) if so, whether it will be only an engineers cadre; and

(d) whether it will include scientists, laboratory workers, technicians, artisans, khalasis and other personnel also?

The Deputy Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Hathi): (a) to (d). The Damodar Valley Corporation is an autonomous Corporation, and as such, it is not expected to maintain permanently the entire team of workers of the DVC for the construction of similar projects in other parts of the country. But the question of absorbing technical personnel rendered surplus from River Valley Projects nearing completion has been receiving active consideration of the Ministry. In consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Labour Ministry a detailed scheme of setting up a Project Labour Exchange is drawn up. This scheme will cover a general all Engineering personnel, and all clerical staff who have special knowledge of accounts and procedure connected with River Valley Projects and all other type of skilled workers employed in the Projects.

A proposal for forming an All India Service of Irrigation and Power Engineers is also being considered by the Ministry. This was discussed by the Board of Coordination of Ministers who referred it to a Sub-Committee of Ministers.

Shrimati Renu Chakravartty: May I know what percentage or what number out of the total number of workers who are at the present moment in the DVC will be included within the cadre, including the clerical staff?

Shri Hathi: All the skilled labour, the technicians and the engineers will be included in the Exchange Scheme. If the hon. Member wants to know the percentage of the total number who will be retrenched, it may be a little difficult to say, because some of them