

[*Translation*]

New Technique In Building Construction

2564. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that CKC Porex, a new technique, is being used in building construction in Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Government have any scheme to develop this technique throughout the country, particularly in Delhi to expedite the process of building construction, and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIM. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Government is not aware of any product named as 'CKC Porex'. However, a light weight graded cellular concrete structural material under the trade name of SIPOREX is being manufactured by a firm at Pune, Maharashtra.

(b) and (c) In so far as Government construction agencies like the Central Public Works Department are concerned, there is no scheme at present to adopt or develop this technique. However, the Building materials & Technology Promotion Council set up by the Government recently as a registered Society, have been making sustained efforts to promote prefabricated technology for the construction of houses. The Hindustan Prefab Limited is also engaged in the manufacture of prefab components under the trade name of Vayutan. Similar types of prefab technologies are being developed in other parts of the country also.

[*English*]

National Marine Park At Rameshwaram, Tamil Nadu

2565. DR. V. RAJESHWARAN: Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal for setting up of a national marine park near Rameshwaram in Tamil Nadu and thereby develop tourism in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c). The Government of Tamil Nadu have notified their intention to constitute a marine national park comprising 21 islands in the Gulf of Mannar near Rameshwaram, with the objective of conserving the ecology of the area, including the marine biodiversity.

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Cultural Expansion Schemes

2566. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cultural expansion schemes were to be formulated during the Seventh Five Year Plan under the National Heritage Project;

(b) if so, whether these schemes have been formulated; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?