

truction of the Idikki project would result in salinity in the Periyar river in the summer months;

(b) whether as a result of this problem chemical units in the Alwaye-Cochin industrial belt are likely to be shut down in the summer months; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to tackle this problem?

**The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao):** (a) and (b). The matter is engaging the attention of the Government of Kerala.

(c) After the studies in hand are completed, the question of taking necessary remedial measures will be considered.

#### Plantation Labour Housing Scheme

913. { **Shri P. Kunhan:**  
**Shri Nambiar:**  
**Shri Pottekkatt:**  
**Shri A. V. Raghavan:**

Will the Minister of Works and Housing be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses proposed to be constructed under the Plantation Labour Housing Scheme during the Third Five Year Plan in various States; and

(b) the number of houses constructed so far?

**The Minister of Works and Housing (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna):** (a) The Third Plan target for construction of houses under this Scheme is about 3,700 in Assam, Kerala, Madras, Mysore, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Tripura where plantations exist.

(b) The required information is being collected from the State Governments and the Union Territories and will be placed on the Table of the House.

#### Cancer

914. { **Shri Nambiar:**  
**Dr. Saradish Roy:**

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the report of experts of the Union Health Ministry, Calcutta citizens are more susceptible to cancer than people in other Indian cities; and

(b) if so, what steps the Government propose to take in the matter?

**The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar):** (a) and (b). No such reports have been received or survey undertaken by the Government of India.

#### Shanti Ghat, Delhi

915. **Shri D. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Works and Housing be pleased to state the steps taken or proposed to be taken to give a face-lift to Shanti Ghat?

**The Minister of Works and Housing (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna):** The short term measures taken or to be taken are levelling of the area, installation of a railing around the Samadhi, provision of an approach road from the Ring Road and laying out of a parking area for vehicles, flower beds and lawns at the entrance. The plans for long term measures have not yet been finalised.

#### Monetised and Non-monetised Transactions in Indian Economy

916. **Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted about the proportion between the monetised and non-monetised transactions in the Indian economy during the First and the Second Five Year Plans and its effect on the course and pace of economic development;