

(b) It has now been found that the assesses did not disclose all their assets at the time of settlement. Steps have, therefore, been taken to recover the amount written off.

**Fertilizer Plant in Andhra Pradesh**

5582. **Shri K. P. Singh Deo:**  
**Shri P. K. Deo:**  
**Shri M. C. Majhi:**  
**Shri K. Narayana Rao:**

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a private firm, the Barium Chemicals Ltd., has offered to set up a fertilizer plant in the Telengana area of Andhra Pradesh with American collaboration;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have accepted the offer?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals and of Planning and Social Welfare (Shri Raghuramiah): (a) to (c). M/s. Barium Chemicals Ltd have shown interest in the establishment of a fertilizer plant in Andhra Pradesh. According to preliminary details received, the plant would produce about 300,000 tonnes of urea and would cost about Rs. 35 crores. The location has not been settled. The proposal can be considered by Government only when all details necessary in such cases are available.

**Metropolitan Transport Team**

5583. **Shri Shiva Chandra Jha:**  
**Shri Marandi:**  
**Shri D. C. Sharma:**

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has set up a nine-member metropolitan transport team under the former Chief Engineer of the Central Railway, Shri A. V. D'Costa to assess the existing transport facilities in Delhi, Bombay, 1330 (A) LSD-6

Madras and Calcutta and suggest methods to improve the situation;

(b) if so, whether the report has come out;

(c) if so, its findings and recommendations;

(d) the response of Government thereto; and

(e) if not, when the report is expected to come out?

The Minister of Planning, Petroleum and Chemicals and Social Welfare (Shri Asoka Mehta): (a) to (c). Yes.

The Metropolitan Transport Team has recently brought out an interim report which has been circulated to the State Governments concerned for comments. Copies of the report have already been placed in the Parliament Library and the main recommendations and conclusions of the Study Team are contained in pages 241-262 of the report.

(d) The report is still under the consideration of the concerned State Governments.

(e) Does not arise.

**Slum Clearance in Cities**

5584. **Shri Shiva Chandra Jha:** Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that still there are horrible slums in cities like Delhi, Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and other State capitals;

(b) if so, the total population of the slum dwellers in those big cities and in India as a whole; and

(c) what policy is going to be pursued during the Fourth Plan period for eliminating slums and how much investment is to be made for achieving this object?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply