

**Recommendation of Lakur Committee
Regarding Charges for Peripheral Services**

437. SHRI KAMAL NATH : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to refer to the reply given to part (b) of the Unstarred Question No 3209 on 13 August, 1984 relating to recommendation of Lakur Committee regarding charges for peripheral services and state :

(a) the type of peripheral services provided by the Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Authority to Vasant Vihar, Panchsheel Colony and Swami Nagar colony and charges recovered for each services; and

(b) the reason for charging peripheral services at the rate of Rs. 16/- for each sq. metre of plotted area from Nirman Vihar when recoveries have already been made from the Society for Central Overhead Tank for Water supply and common main sewer for sewerage services ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOR) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Experiment conducted by Agricultural Research
Station, Aliyarnagar**

438. SHRI R. ANNANAMBI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a field experiment carried out at Agricultural Research Station, Aliyarnagar with the objectives to assess suitable mulch for rain-fed groundnut crop and to study the incidence of leaf minor in groundnut indicated that use of coir waste significantly enhanced groundnut dry pod yield with high cost benefit ratio, better soil moisture conservation and weed suppression compared to other mulches ;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to explore the possibilities of utilising by-products of agro-industries such as coir

waste as a sort of recycling to accomplish better resource mobilisation ; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) A field experiment was carried out at Agricultural Research Station, Aliyarnagar with the objective to assess suitable mulch for rainfed groundnut. Out of 5 different mulches tested, coir mulch treatment gave a significantly higher yield of groundnut pods over control, presumably because of better soil moisture conservation and pod setting and reduced weed infestation. The other mulches tried such as sugarcane trash, groundnut husk, maize cob core and bajra straw, though superior to control, were on par with each other including coir waste. Further studies are continuing.

(b) and (c) The results of the above studies were passed on to the Department of Agriculture and the Directorate of Oilseed Development, Govt. of Tamil Nadu in June 1984 for implementation.

Encroachment on DDA Land

439. PROF. RAMKRISHNA MORE : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether encroachments on D.D.A. land have increased recently in Delhi ;

(b) whether large scale unauthorised constructions in Old Delhi, Karol Bagh, Najafgarh Road Industrial Area etc. have been brought to the notice of Government ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ; and

(d) the steps taken against the offenders ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOR) : (a) The DDA has reported that there is no marked increase in unauthorised encroachments on DDA lands in Delhi.