

[English]

**Closure of Special Health Projects with U.K. Aid in Orissa**

1420. SHRI LAKSHMAN MALLICK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some special health projects with U.K. aid, started in Orissa in 1980-81, had been closed/suspended in 1987;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether these U.K. aid projects are expected to be revived again; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b). An Area Project under Health & Family Welfare Programmes was implemented in Five Districts of Orissa with the assistance of Overseas Development Agency (DDA) U.K. The project started in 1980-81 and came to a close on 31.3.1987 after the expiry of agreed period of the Project.

(c) and (d). It has also been decided to launch a Phase II Area Project in Orissa with the assistance of Overseas Development Agency (DDA) U.K. Phase II Area Project proposal has been approved by the High Powered Steering Committee on Area Projects and other Agencies. Further examination of the proposal is underway in Government of India.

**Houses through HUDCO in Delhi**

1421. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses built so far through HUDCO in Delhi;

(b) the number of houses allotted to Scheme Castes/Scheduled Tribes; and

(c) the steps proposed by Government to complete the quota reserved for SC/ST?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c). No houses are constructed exclusively for any particular scheme. However 70,881 persons registered under New Pattern Scheme 1979, have been allotted flats. All the registrants belonging to SC/ST for MIG and LIG have been allotted flats. For Janta Category 1920 registrants belonging to SC/ST are still to be allotted flats. As regards steps to be taken to complete the quota reserved for SC/ST, the DDA has been advised to work out a suitable scheme.

**Deforestation by Industrial Sector**

1422. DR. B.L. SHAILESH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is losing about 1.5 million hectares of forests every year, largely due to industrial orientation in forest policy and slack stress on reforestation by the corporate sector; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to arrest such de-forestation by the industrial sector particularly by the paper and wood using industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) There is no evidence to say that India is losing 1.5 million hectares of forests every year due to over exploitation of forests by industries and slack stress on reforestation