

BHARTIYAM '89

880. DR. S.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a mass physical exercise display under the name BHARTIYAM' 89 was held in Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in November, 1989;

(b) if so, whether a large sums of money were spent on raising slum like dwellings for the children who came from outside Delhi to participate and the vigilance commission is conducting an enquiry into the financial irregularities connected with awarding of contracts for construction of such dwellings;

(c) whether the same authorities now produce video cassettes on the Bhartiya programme and Bhartiya Gram, if so, how many and for what purpose; and

(d) the total expenditure incurred on these cassettes and the total fund collected therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJMANGAL PANDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 151 modules at a cost of Rs. 87,000/- per module, were constructed in record time as semi-permanent camping facility by using cost effective and appropriate technology. The modules were made of walls about 5' high using husk-burnt blocks and bricks with tubular welded steel superstructure, clad with medium density fibre board covered by fire resistant P.V.C. shingles. Construction was carried out by the Building Centre-an Organisation jointly promoted by HUDCO (a Central Public Sector Undertaking) and the Wing of Delhi Development Authority. Each module accommodated about 46 campers. Over 6700 children and teachers drawn from all over India were

accommodated in these.

The Chief Technical Examiner (CTE) of the Central Vigilance Commission conducted a technical investigation into the construction. The CTE has referred the matter back to the Department for further enquiry.

(c) and (d). A sum of Rs. 2 lakhs was provided by the Department for production of Video Cassettes. In all 260 cassettes were produced. The purpose of these cassettes was to spread widely the message of Bharatiya and, more importantly of, national integration among the children and youth of the country. The objective was also to engender an awareness of the need for and techniques of physical fitness among all those concerned with the future of children. They were distributed to all Agencies and other connected with Bharatiya, which is a continuing programme.

No funds from the sale of these cassettes were collected.

Development Projects Under D.D.A.

881. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the pace of work on developmental projects under the Delhi Development Authority is too slow to cope with the rapidly expanding housing needs of the city;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether instructions have since been issued to the DDA to construct houses under a time bound programme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?