

Quality Council is under consideration of the Government. DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

Purification of Sea Water

2164. SHRI JANARDAN MISRA :
SHRI PANKAJ
CHOWDHARY:
SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to purify the sea water to make it potable;

(b) if so, whether the Government have formulated any action plan in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUGON) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Purification of sea water is a costly process in terms of capital investment and operation and maintenance cost. Hence, it has not been found feasible to undertake such a project in urban areas so far.

[English]

Recycling of Waste Water

2165. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAM CHANDRAN : Will the Minister of URBAN

(a) whether the Government have any scheme for recycling waste water in major cities and industrial areas;

(b) if so, the details along with estimated cost thereof;

(c) whether any foreign assistance has been taken or likely to be taken for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.K. THUGON) : (a) At present, there is no scheme. However, the subject is of national importance and is one of the recommendations of the National Conference on Urban Water Supply & Sanitation Policy held in March, 1993, which has been circulated to all State Governments and Union Territories for giving due attention.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The project proposal of Madras Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board for providing 100 mld of renovated sewage to industries has been posed for OECF assistance from Japan.

11.12 hrs

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Twelve of the Clock

12.00 hrs.

The Lok Sabha re-assembled at Twelve of the Clock.