

to heavy rains the streets of Calcutta have been extremely damaged;

(b) whether the Taxi Association has threatened that unless Calcutta streets are repaired soon the taxis will be off from the streets;

(c) if so, whether this calls for immediate steps for repairing the damaged streets of Calcutta and Central help; and

(d) if so, whether Central Government have agreed to help the Government of West Bengal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY): (a) Many streets of Calcutta remained waterlogged for some days due to recent heavy rains and many of them have been badly damaged.

(b) No.

(c) The Calcutta Tramways Company Ltd., which maintains the rails of the tramways and the roads within rails and eighteen inches beyond the rails on both sides of them has its programme of repairs of tram-tracks for the current year and the repair works are being carried on according to the programme. Major repair works will be taken up by them only after the rainy season. Maintenance of roads except the portion maintained by the Calcutta Tramways is the responsibility of the Calcutta Corporation. No assessment has so far been received from the Calcutta Corporation regarding the extent of damage to the roads under their control and the programme of repair being/to be undertaken by them.

(d) No proposal for Central assistance has been received by the Ministry of Health, Family Planning and Urban Development from the State Government.

**मध्य प्रदेश में अनुसूचित आदिम जातियों का कल्याण**

3489. श्री गं० च० दीक्षित : क्या समाज कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1968-69 में मध्य प्रदेश में अनुसूचित आदिम जातियों के कल्याण कार्यों

के लिये कितनी धन राशि नियत खर्च करने का विचार है; और

(ख) वर्ष 1967-68 में मैदानी क्षेत्रों में तथा एजेंसी क्षेत्रों में किये गये खर्च का ब्योरा क्या है ?

**समाज कल्याण विभाग में राज्य मंत्री [डा० (श्रीमती) फूलरेणुगुह] :** (क) 275.95 लाख रुपए ।

(ख) मध्य प्रदेश में कोई एजेंसी क्षेत्र नहीं है । योजना, विकास तथा निधियों के नियतन में मैदानी और पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों के आधार पर कोई भेदभाव नहीं किया जाता है ।

#### WELFARE OF HARIJANS

3490. SHRI G. S. REDDI : Will the Minister of SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to form cells in the Centre and the States to look after the interests of the minorities;

(b) whether interests of the Harijans will also be looked after by these cells; and

(c) if not, other measures under contemplation to give concentrated attention to the welfare of Harijans ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) PHULRENU GUHA] : (a) and (b). No.

(c) The welfare of Harijans has always received the "concentrated" attention of Government and the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. A Parliamentary Committee is also proposed to be set up.

**नेपा मिल्स से ताप्ती नदी में गंदा पानी डाला जाना**

3491. श्री गं० च० दीक्षित : क्या स्वास्थ्य, परिवार नियोजन एवं नगर विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान इस बात की ओर दिलाया गया है कि मध्य प्रदेश में पूर्वी निमाड़ जिले में ताप्ती नदी में नेपा मिल्स