

imported by two firms in Calcutta against forged licences.

(c) Yes, Sir.

National Buildings Corporation

595. Shri Surendra Pal Singh: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Urban Development be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Buildings Corporation has evolved a new building material from industrial and agricultural waste to relieve pressure on conventional building materials;

(b) if so, what exactly this new material is; and

(c) whether it would be cheaper or costlier than the conventional materials now in use?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Urban Development (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) The National Buildings Organisation has not evolved any new building material from industrial or agricultural waste. However, it is technically assisting the State Governments of Madras and West Bengal in the establishment of Cellular Concrete Plants utilising lime and fly ash, a waste product from thermal power stations.

(b) Cellular concrete is a light weight building material and can be used on building blocks instead of bricks and also as roofing slabs with reinforcement.

(c) It will be cheaper than the conventional materials now in use at Calcutta and Madras.

Irrigation in D.V.C. Command Area

596. Shri Dinen Bhattacharya: Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to increasing demand of water supply by the industrial establishments, D.V.C. is facing difficulty in supplying minimum required quantity of

water for irrigation in the D.V.C. command area; and

(b) if so, the measures Government propose to take so that irrigation of the concerned area does not suffer?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed):

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Najafgarh Nallah

597. Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:
Shri Bade:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an embankment along Najafgarh Nallah recently collapsed within a fortnight after its completion;

(b) if so, the details of the incident;

(c) whether an inquiry has been or is being held in the matter with a view to fixing responsibility; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed): (a) No embankment along the Najafgarh drain collapsed. But in the reach between Roop Nagar and Vijaynagar and between Roop Nagar and G. T. Road, the stone pitching work along the right bank of the Drain has suffered some damage.

(b) The entire area towards the south of the reach bordering the Subzi Mandi areas is very heavily built up and very close to the right edge of the Najafgarh Drain. There is not much of free vegetation to absorb any moisture and the entire rainfall in the area is immediately brought down to the Najafgarh Drain. On the night between 22nd and 23rd June, 1966 there was heavy rainfall in this area resulting in torrential flows in the lanes and by lanes leading to the Najafgarh Drain. This heavy flow cascaded over the pitching provided