

*[English]***Hoganekkal Drinking Water Scheme**

717. SHRI K.P. MOHAN : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japan has agreed to provide assistance for implementing the Hoganekkal Drinking Water Scheme in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details and the terms and conditions thereof; and

(c) the details of the assistance likely to be provided by the Union Government for the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no Centrally sponsored programme under which assistance can be provided by the Union Government for the Hoganekkal Water Supply Scheme.

*[Translation]***Panchayat Elections**

718. SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States, where Panchayat Elections have not been held of the last five years; and

(b) the action taken by the Union Government in regard to conducting of Panchayat Elections in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL) : (a) The following States have not held Panchayat Elections for the last five years; (1) Bihar (2) NCT Delhi (3) Pondicherry and (4) Goa (only Zilla Parishad).

(b) The State/U.T. Government concerned is responsible for the conduct of elections in consultation with the State Election Commission. The Union Government has however urged the State/UT Governments concerned to initiate action to hold Panchayat Elections expeditiously after overcoming the hurdles being encountered.

*[English]***Water Supply and Sanitation Programme**

719. COL. SONA RAM CHOUDHARY : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has provided any loan for water supply and environment sanitation projects especially for desert areas of Western Rajasthan;

(b) the details of projects sanctioned and the amount to be allocated, project-wise;

(c) whether the Government have approved any project for rural area of Barmer and Jaisalmer districts for providing drinking water out of World Bank assistance;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL) : (a) and (b) No World Bank supported project is under implementation at this stage in Rajasthan.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

**Defence Deal with Israel**

720. PROF. P.J. KURIEN :  
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been facing technological control regimes due to international pressure in the defence sector;

(b) whether due to the pressure from U.S.A. the defence deal with Israel has not been materialised; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to improve the Defence strategy in the country?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Over the years, many countries including India have been the target of export control regimes.