

(c) the steps taken in this regard so far?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA):** (a) to (c). Modernisation of the Amaravathi System in Tamil Nadu was accorded approval by Government of India level in December, 1989 under the World Bank assisted National Water Management Project (NWMP). The Project is under implementation and is scheduled to be completed by 1992-93.

#### **Water and Sanitation Facilities**

1453. **SHRI D.M. PUTTE GOWDA:** Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a Senior Advisor to U.N.I.C.E.F. for water supply nearly 40 per cent of humanity still lacks adequate access to safe drinking water and sanitation facilities;

(b) what is the estimated percentage of population in the country still deprived of these facilities;

(c) the details of any plan chalked out by Union Government in this regard for implementation during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(d) whether a global conference on the subject is to be held by India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN):** (a) Yes, Sir. The percentage however refers to safe drinking water only in the developing countries as a whole.

(b) On the basis of information received from the State Governments and Union Territories, 17.76% of the urban population of 1981 did not have access to safe drinking

water, and 56.10% to sanitation facilities as on 31.3.88.

(c) The Eighth five Year Plan proposals are yet to be finalised.

(d) and (e). A Global consultation safe water and sanitation is proposed to be held under the joint auspices of the Government of India and U.N. Development Programme. The Global Consultation which will be at the level of officials from various countries is proposed to be held during September, 1990 at New Delhi. About 125 countries are likely to participate. The objective of the Global Consultation is to provide a forum for developing countries and the External Support Agencies, to formulate strategies for environmentally sound and sustainable water supply and sanitation services for the 1990s and beyond, based on the experience of the programme during 1981-90.

#### **Training to Birth-Attendants and Midwives**

1454. **SHRI K.S. RAO:**  
**SHRIMATI CHENNUPATI VIDYA:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an expert of the World Health Organisation has recently opined, at the Global Workshop on prevention and management of birth asphyxia through better care of infants and their mothers, held in New Delhi in February, 1990, that birth asphyxia is number three cause for infant mortality in India; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have drawn any programme for training of traditional birth-attendants and midwives in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?