

**Recruitment Rules for L. & D.O.**

8937. SHRI DHARAM PAL SINGH GUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given on 7 December, 1988 to Unstarred Question No. 3869 regarding Recruitment rules for Land and Development Officer and state:

(a) whether recruitment rules for the post of Land and Development Officer have been reviewed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if no, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It was felt on review that no amendment in the existing Rules was called for.

(c) Does not arise.

[Translation]

**SC/ST Doctors Working in Hospitals in Delhi**

8938. SHRI KALPNATH SONKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been cases of delays in making promotions of SC/ST doctors in various Government hospitals in Delhi as per Government orders in regard to such promotions;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which such doctors are likely to be given promotion?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

**Completion of Telugu-Ganga Project**

8939. SHRI R. JEEVARATHINAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) by what time the Telugu-Ganga Project is likely to be completed;

(b) whether Government have considered the proposal to extend the feeder canal of the project via Rayalaseema, Palamanar-Vaniyambadi and then to Madras; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to consider this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) to (c). Telugu Ganga Project, as formulated by Andhra Pradesh, envisages transfer of 15 TMC of Krishna water for Madras Water Supply. In addition, 1.99 lakh ha. of irrigation is proposed *en-route* in Rayalaseema and Nellore districts. While the project has been techno-economically appraised, the Advisory Committee after considering the project in April 1988 deferred its clearance because inter-State aspects have not been resolved. State government has to obtain concurrence of other co-basin States.

**Steps to Prevent Blindness**

8940. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:  
SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO:

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

(a) whether 80 per cent of blindness in the country is preventable and curable;

(b) the various steps taken by Government to prevent blindness among people specially among children; and

(c) what guidelines Union Government propose to issue to parents of such children?

**THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has taken up many steps to prevent and control blindness amongst people including children also; health education on eye care and consumption of foods rich in vit. A; distribution of intensive doses of vitamin—A deficiency; supply of anti-biotic eye ointment to control trachoma; cataract operations to restore vision; eye-banking and corneal transplants.

(c) The messages covered under health education are largely directed for the parents, school teachers and medical and para-medical staff: general eye hygiene; consumption of green leafy vegetables and other foods rich in Vit.—A; utilisation of the facilities under the programme of prophylaxis against blindness due to Vit.—A deficiency.

#### **Dhara Groundnut Oil**

8941. **SHRIMATI SUBHASHINI ALI:** Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that NDDB is marketing Dhara Groundnut oil in 1 litre tetrapacks;

(b) whether this violates the provision of Weight and Measures Act; and

(c) if so, whether NDDB has been challenged in any State/UT for this violation

and if not, the reasons thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). According to the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977, edible oils are to be packed in terms of weight only. However, on a request received from the NDDB that for technical reasons, it is not possible for them to pre-pack edible oils in tetrapack in the standard quantities specified in the Rules, they have been permitted to pre-pack edible oils in tetrapack by volume in certain specified quantities. The matter is being reconsidered.

#### **Taking over of Voltas and Punjab Agro Industries Corporation for Food Processing Plant**

8942. **SHRI KHEMCHANDBHAI SOMABHAI CHAVDA:**  
**SHRI MANIK SANYAL:**  
**SHRI M.S. PAL:**  
**SHRI K. PRADHANI:**

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fruit processing plant of Voltas and Punjab Agro Industries Corporation in Abohar has been declared sick;

(b) whether it has been taken over by Pepsi Foods; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER FOR TEXTILES AND MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV):** (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.