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Bonded Labour

9016. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bonded labourers are exported to the foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government propose to take to prevent the export of these labourers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Hike in Cost of Construction in Urban Areas

9017. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage increase in the last five years in respect of the cost of construction of houses in urban areas, particularly in metropolitan cities;

(b) the rate of increase in the last two years;

(c) the causes identified for the increase; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to reduce the cost so as to help the low income group and weaker sections of society?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The percentage increase in Building cost index of houses in urban areas including metropolitan cities ranges from 20.65 to 67.65.

(b) The percentage increase during the last two years, i.e. 1987-89 varieties from 5.2. to 30.0.

(c) The causes attributable to the rise in cost of construction are increase in prices of building materials like cement, steel, timber, increase in wages and transportation cost and general rise in building activity

(d) With a view to reducing the cost of construction, the Central Government has been advocating adoption of innovative technology and use of low cost building materials and components manufactured by using locally available raw materials including agricultural and industrial wastes. The CBRI, structural Engineering Research Centre, CSIR Laboratories under the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research and several other institutions are actively engaged in

research on low cost housing. R&D efforts covers aspects like low cost/alternate building materials and components, technology option of housing for low income settlements in rural areas, economical foundations, fire safety and thermal comfort, buildings in disaster prone areas etc. Research studies on various aspects of low cost housing are also funded by the Central Government.

HUDCO is also encouraging the building material manufacturing units for production of low cost building materials by contributing to their equity capital.

Non-availability of Medicines in CGHS Dispensaries

9018. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that medicines prescribed by the CGHS doctors as well as specialists are not available generally in the CGHS dispensaries;

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

(c) the steps Government propose to take for supplying the medicines to the patients at the time they need?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHAMMAD KHAN): (a) to (c). All medicines included in the formulary are by and large available in the CGHS dispensaries and are being supplied to the beneficiaries. In the event of non-availability of any medicine, the same is indented from local chemist and supplied to the beneficiaries. In emergent cases, authority slip is also given to the beneficiaries to procure the medicine from Super Bazar without any payment.

Minimum Wages for Agriculture Labour and Consumer Price Index

9019. SHRI DHARMESH PRASAD VARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether minimum wages for agricultural labor are in consonance with the consumer price index in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b). The State Government have been periodically revising the minimum rates of wages in response to rise in Consumer Price Index Number. Many States have also provided for Variable Dearness Allowance linked to Consumer Price Index.

(c) Does not arise.

Repairing of Roads in Delhi

9020. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:
SHRI RAM SAGAR
(Saidpur):

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the material used in road repairs, repairs of berms, footpaths etc. in the capital is reportedly of a very poor quality;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken to prevent the wasteful expenditure on repeated repairs and improve the quality of roads in Delhi; and