

tion of depots by Senior Officers.

- (7) Installation of weighbridges to ensure 100% weighment at depots and installation of in-motion wagon weighbridges to weigh wagons.
- (8) Efforts to reduce the losses to the absolute minimum to achieve a target of 1% in the case of high loss depots and less than 1% in respect of depots where losses are already less than 1%.
- (9) Machine stitching of bags

#### Demolition of Bodh Vihars in Delhi

10046. SHRI JAGPAL SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware of demolition of a few Bodh Vihars (worship place) in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken or proposed by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### Control of Mosquitoes

10047. PROF. K. V. THOMAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken for the control of mosquitoes in the country, especially in major cities like Delhi, Madras, Bombay and Calcutta;

(b) whether Union Government propose

to give any assistance to the states in this regard;

(c) whether Cochin Corporation has submitted any special proposal to control mosquitoes in Cochin; and

(d) if so, the assistance proposed to be given by Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) National Malaria Eradication Programme (NMEP) and National Filariasis Control Programme (NFCP) are being implemented in the country for controlling malaria and filariasis which are transmitted by different type of mosquitoes. These programmes aim at bringing down the disease occurrence by interruption of transmission through reducing the mosquito population along with undertaking various other measures. In major cities like Delhi, Madras, Bombay and Calcutta, the Urban Malaria Scheme under NFCP are being implemented. The various steps that are being undertaken for control of malaria through vector control are as under:—

- (1) Application of chemicals such as Mosquito Larvicidal oil/Fenthion/Paria green/Tenephos in water collections to eliminate the aquatic stages of mosquitoes.
- (2) Space spraying of 0.1 per cent pyrethrum extract in and around 50 houses of every malaria case to kill infected malaria vectors (mosquitoes responsible for transmission of malaria).
- (3) Reduction of mosquito breeding sources through minor engineering methods and bio-environmental control methods such as introduction of mosquito larvae eating fish