



## ***Holiday Homes for Industrial Workers***

### **At a Glance**

#### **Functions**

'Setting up of Holiday Homes for Industrial Workers' is a plan scheme under the Department of Labour. This scheme was initiated as a part of welfare scheme for industrial workers in 1970. Under this scheme Holiday Homes at various places of tourist interest are to be opened so that industrial workers and their families can stay there during visits to these places at nominal rent.

#### **Findings**

- In 1997–98, the expenditure on Holiday Homes was nearly four times the approved outlay. On the other hand in 1998-99, the expenditure was merely ten percent of the approved outlay. This shows the skewness in the expenditure and outlay of the scheme.
- The booking/occupancy rate in these Holiday Homes is very poor all through the year, because of poor quality.
- The amount of subsidy per visitor given through these Holiday Homes (in 2000-01) is between Rs 1,545 (for Mussoorie Holiday Home) and Rs 2,612 (for Haridwar Holiday Home).
- After studying the working of these Holiday Homes, the Evaluation Unit of the Planning Department, NCT Delhi produces an Evaluation Study Report in June 2001. The Report concluded that the Labour Department is not in a position to manage these Holiday Homes that have been functioning for the past 20–25 years, and that they should be shut down immediately. However, no action has been taken on the recommendations of the Report. The Holiday Homes continue to operate.

**Reforms**

- The government should immediately act upon the recommendations of the Planning Department Report and terminate this scheme which is wasting the government's already meagre resources.