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Per capita income Per capita was Tk. 1,649 in '78-'79

Dr. Fasihuddin Mahtab, Minister for Planning, told the Jatiya Sangsad on Thursday that according to current valuation of Bangladeshi Taka, per capita income during 1974-75 was Taka 1,593 and during 1978-79 it was Taka 1,649, reports BSS.

Replying to a question of Awami League (Malek) member Mr. A.B.M. Talib Ali, he said that during 1974-75 per capita expenditure was Taka 1,681 and during 1978-79 it was Taka 1,773.

Cost of living expenditure per head during 1974-75 was Taka 1,572 registering a saving of Taka 21. The expenditure in the investment head in the same period was Taka 104. Cost of living expenditure per head during 1978-79 was Taka 1,536, per capita saving was Taka 113 and the expenditure in the investment head in the same period was Taka 237, the Minister said.

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ster said. Answering another question of Opposition JSD member Mr. Upendra Lal Chakma of Chittagong Hill Tracts, Dr. Fasihuddin Mahtab said according to 1974 census there were tribal population in the districts of Dinajpur, Rangpur, Bogra, Rajshahi, Patuakhali, Mymensingh, Sylhet, Chittagong and Chittagong Hill Tracts.

In other districts also there were some tribal population, he said.

Government has no plans at present to frame laws to withdraw the profession of prostitution under constitutional Article Number 18, Promulgation Number 2.

Replying to a question of Mrs. Hosne-Ara Khan (BNP), Home Minister Lt. Col (Retd) Mustafizur Rahman said this at the Jatiya Sangsad on Thursday.

The Home Minister also said that as the "Bengal Public Gambling Act, 1867 (Provision XI) are still in force under which gambling is prohibited, there was no need to frame separate laws for this. He said that according to "Bengal Places of Public Amusement Act (Notification Number 725) the "housey" was prohibited excepting in some authorised clubs and Chittagong Hill Tracts. He pointed out that gambling was strictly prohibited in all the exhibitions in the country and it was a punishable offence under law.

4998 commit suicide

Four thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight persons committed suicides from 1978 to 1979, Home Minister Lt. Col. (Retd) A.S.M. Mustafizur Rahman said.

Replying to a question of Mr. Imajuddin Prannank (Al-Malek) in the Jatiya Sangsad the Home Minister said that causes of suicide were family trouble, incurable diseases and love affairs.