

(b) These loans are being granted mainly to assist these countries in setting up industrial units by financing the export of Indian machinery and equipment.

Government Accommodation in Delhi

*802. Dr. L. M. Singhvi: Will the Minister of Works and Housing be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Government employees who have been provided with residential accommodation in Delhi so far;

(b) the figures for various categories and salary groups; and

(c) the expected target by when Government propose to provide living accommodation to all its employees?

The Minister of Works and Housing (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) About 37 per cent.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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The figures of satisfaction for various categories and salary groups are as follows :—

Type of accommodation for various categories and salary groups.		Percentage of satisfaction
Below Rs. 110/-	Type I	46%
Rs. 110/- to Rs. 249/-	Type II	28%
Rs. 250/- to Rs. 399/-	Type III	33%
Rs. 400/- to Rs. 699/-	Type IV	49%
Rs. 700/- to Rs. 1299/-	Type V	48%
Rs. 1300/- to Rs. 2249/-	Type VI	46%
and above	Type VII	69%
Secretaries and Additional Secretaries	Type VIII	65%

(c) Government is taking all possible measures to build more houses but it will take many years to provide all of them with accommodation.

Shortage of X-Ray Films

*803. { Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great shortage of X-Ray films in Delhi and elsewhere in the country because of the 50 per cent cut in the import of the X-Ray films imposed by Government; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to meet the shortage?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) Yes, Sir. The reports about the shortage of X-Ray films have been received from the hospitals in Delhi and other places during the past few months.

(b) The following steps have been or are being taken to meet the shortage.

(i) The hospitals have been advised to practise economy in the use of X-Ray films.

(ii) A suggestion has been made to the State Administrative Medical Officers that they should include in their demands those brands of films which are easily available from the rupee payment countries.

(iii) Efforts are being made to augment supplies of X-Ray films by increasing imports from certain rupee payment countries.

(iv) The quota licences for the period April 65—March 1966 have been permitted to be utilised in full and the general annual licensing condition of 50 per cent utilisation upto 31st January, 1966 has been dispensed with in this case. The distribution of the X-Ray films imported against quota licences will be suitably regulated.

(v) The question of restoring the cut made in the import quota has also been taken up with the Ministries concerned.

Research on Thrombotic Disease

*804. **Shri Shree Narayan Das:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have a proposal under consideration to start an international research project on thrombotic disease in India with some foreign collaboration;

(b) if so, the precise nature of the proposal; and

(c) the stage of its consideration?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The matter is under consideration in consultation with the U.S. Public Health Authorities.

Life Insurance in Rural Areas

*805. **Shri Warlor:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to popularise Life Insurance in the rural areas;

(b) whether as a result of these steps, there has been any increase in the insurance business in the rural areas; and

(c) if so, to what extent?

The Minister of Planning (Shri B. E. Bhagat): (a) The Life Insurance Corporation of India has taken the following steps to popularise life insurance in rural areas:

(1) Opening of more offices in rural areas;

(2) Collection of premia through Post Offices;

(3) Enlisting the help of Panchayats and Co-operative Societies in developing business;

(4) Relaxation in medical examination; and

(5) Intensive publicity.

(b) and (c). Yes. The rural business increased from Rs. 182.59 crores during 1961 to Rs. 209.40 crores during 1963-64.

Water Shortage in Netaji Nagar, New Delhi

*806. **Shri Brij Raj Singh:** Will the Minister of Health be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 693 on the 1st April, 1965, and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in spite of the assurance given twice regarding proper water supply in Netaji Nagar, the flush tanks on the terrace of the Quarters, where shortage of water supply was reported earlier, have all along been absolutely dry resulting in unhygienic conditions;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is a proposal to sink some more tube-wells in Netaji Nagar or to build an overhead tank to improve the pressure in the lines; and

(d) if so, the progress made in the matter?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) It has been reported by the New Delhi Municipal Committee that at times water does not reach the flush tanks on the terrace of some