

(d) and (e). Against the indigenous sugar released for free sale for June, 1985, almost the entire quantity was despatched by the factories, the lapsed quantity being only about 3%. As regards the imported sugar released for the said month, the off take by the State Governments/FCI was limited due to certain initial infrastructural deficiencies and logistic problems. However, these problems have since been sorted out as a result of which there has been a larger off take of imported sugar by the State Governments for the month of July, 1985.

(f) Besides the streamlining of the distribution arrangements by the State Governments and the Food Corporation of India, the State Governments have also been advised to ensure that the wholesale licensed dealers comply with the statutory provisions relating to stock holding limits, 10-day turn over period, etc. and suitable action has also been taken for ensuring that the sugar factories undertake sales and despatches of free sale sugar in accordance with the statutory requirements. As a result of these measures as also liberal releases of free sale and levy sugar for internal consumption, the prices of sugar are expected to be maintained at reasonable levels.

#### **Allotment of Accommodation to Government Employees**

2012. PROF. CHANDRA BHANU DEVI : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether lakhs of Central Government employees are living in rented accommodation due to shortage of Government quarters;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to allot them Government accommodation and the targets fixed for the year 1985-86 in this direction; and

(c) the time by which Government will be in a position to provide accommodation to all the employees ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) : (a) Due to shortage of Government accommodation, it has not been possible to provide accommodation to a large number of Central Government employees.

(b) Government is taking steps to construct more residential accommodation in general pool within the funds available. It is expected that 2,324 quarters and 184 hostel suites will be completed during 1985-86 in general pool.

(c) It is not possible to indicate the time by which Government accommodation can be provided to all employees.

#### *[Translation]*

#### **Broadcasts from AIR, Almora**

2013. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Almora Station of All India Radio has started broadcasting programmes ;

(b) if so, the range thereof ;

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the range of this station by ten times in the near future ;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be increased ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V.N. GADGIL) : (a) and (b) The departmental works at Almora station of AIR have been completed and the Station is expected to be commissioned into regular service in the next few months. It is expected to provide coverage for a radius of about 20 Kms. around Almora.