

(b) & (c) The long-term agricultural price policy is under preparation.

(English)

Development of ESI Hospitals in Andhra Pradesh

3907. SHRI S. PALAKONDRAYUDU : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have under consideration any proposal for the development of ESI hospitals in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which decision in this regard is likely to be taken ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Two hospitals (one at Rajahmundry with 50 beds and the other at Pattencheru with 68 beds) are already under construction. The ESI Corporation has also decided to construct one more ESI Hospital with 200 beds at Hyderabad. The State Government has approached for acquisition of land for construction of this hospital.

Vacation of Government Accommodation after superannuation

3908. DR. G. S. RAJHANS : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of Central Government employees do not vacate the Central Government accommodation for years together after superannuation by providing either medical certificates or stay order from the court;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to formulate any new policy to get the Government accommodation vacated within six months after superannuation; and

(c) if so, details thereof and other steps contemplated by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Import of bill and foreign exchange component of fertiliser

3909. SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether import bill and foreign exchange component of fertilizers has been on the increase; and

(b) if so, whether Government are considering any indigenous alternative such as organic manures which offer many advantages over chemical fertilisers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. Both the quantum as well as value of the imports in terms of foreign exchange has been going up.

(b) In order to reduce dependence on imports, a number of new fertiliser plants are being set up in the country; use of organic measures and bio-fertilisers is also being encouraged. Import of chemical fertilisers, however, will still be necessary.

(Translation)

Finance assistance by HUDCO to Group Housing Societies

3910. SHRI JAGDISH AWASTHI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :-

(a) whether HUDCO has made arrangements for providing financial assistance to Group Housing Societies in Delhi and other metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, the conditions on which this financial assistance is given;

(c) whether HUDCO has prepared outline of any scheme under which it will itself undertake the construction work of its houses yet to be started and complete the construction of houses already started by Group Housing Societies and allot these houses among the members of the society, if any society desires such assistance; and

(d) if so, the likely outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the present financing pattern of HUDCO are given in the statement.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.