

(iv) to sustain and improve the good trade relations with Japanese importers;

(v) to explain to the buyers various steps being taken for further improvement of quality of Indian marine products; and

(vi) to generate interest among importers for products other than shrimp and negotiate business for these products.

#### Facilities to Small and Marginal Farmers

8350. SHRI ANANTHA RAMULU MALLU: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revise the rural reconstruction plan;

(b) if so, whether the facilities presently offered to small and marginal farmers are being withdrawn; and

(c) if not, whether these facilities (inputs, bank loans) are being suitably increased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BALESHWAR RAM):

(a) The policy, strategy and programmes for rural development are outlined in the Sixth Plan document and there is no proposal to revise the same at this stage.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

#### DDA Flats for Handicapped Applicants

8351. SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether in pursuance of Government's policy of providing special concessions to handicapped persons, DDA invited sometime in 1980 applications for allotment of flats from such persons registered under the 1979 scheme;

(b) if so, (i) the total number of applications received;

(ii) the total number of flats reserved for being allotted to such persons registered under the 1979 scheme;

(iii) when these applicants are likely to be allotted the flats; and

(iv) the criteria for deciding the mode of payment for such flats viz., on cash down or hire purchase basis?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHISHMA NARAIN SINGH): (a) The DDA had invited applications from physically handicapped persons registered under Hudco pattern Scheme of 1979, in 1981.

(b) (i) A total of 700 applications were received.

(ii) 146 flats out of those released so far have been kept reserved for allotment.

(iii) Allotments of the flats are likely to be made in about a month or so.