

(a) whether the House Building Advance is not given to the employees of the various autonomous bodies under the administrative and financial control of the Ministries concerned for construction of houses on the plots allotted to them by the Delhi Development Authority;

(b) if so, reasons therefor; and

(c) sources from which these employees can get advance for construction of houses on plots allotted to them by the Delhi Development Authority or for the purchase of flats on cash-down or hire-purchase basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b). The scheme for the grant of house building advance administered by the Ministry of Works and Housing is limited to Central Government servants and officers of All India Services. As the employees of the various autonomous Bodies under the administrative and financial control of the Ministries are not Central Government servants, they are not eligible for grant of house building advance under this scheme.

(c) These employees can get house building advance from their employer if they have any such scheme of their own and if this scheme admits of the grant of an advance for the purchase of flats on cash-down or hire-purchase basis. Alternatively they can take recourse to any other source available to any private citizen viz. from the LIC or from the State Governments under their various housing schemes.

#### Conditions of animals in Delhi Zoo

3682. SARDAR SWARAN SINGH SOKHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether conditions of animals in the Zoo at Delhi are deteriorating day by day;

(b) names and numbers of new birds received from foreign countries; and

(c) whether animals are also being transferred from other zoos to Delhi zoo?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL): (a) No. There has been no deterioration in the health of animals in the Delhi Zoological Park.

(b) During the period from 1-4-74 to 31-3-76 following birds/animals were received from foreign countries.

- (i) Hunting Cheetah from Oklohama Zoo, U.S.A. 1 No.
- (ii) Beisa Orya from Sri Lanka—2 Nos.
- (iii) Guanaco from London, U.K.—1 No.
- (iv) Pumas—2 Nos.  
Black Swan from Holland—2 Nos.
- (v) Goittered Zazelle from Iran—7 Nos.
- (vi) Spotbilled Pelican—2 Nos.  
Greater Hill Mynas from Burma—4 Nos.

(c) In order to enrich their respective collection of animals and birds all the zoos in the country exchange birds and animals amongst themselves. Similarly, Delhi Zoo is also constantly exchanging birds and animals with different zoos in India. During the course of 2 years i.e. from 1-4-74 to 31-3-76 about twelve exchanges of animals and birds have taken place between Delhi Zoological Park and other Indian zoos.