on merits depending on the circum-

stances of the situation.

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(d) As a settlement was arrived at between the management and the staff, the necessity to determine whether the employees were on stay in strike or mass, deputation did not arise.

Guest Houses of Public Undertakings

349. Shri P. R. Chakraverti; Shri H. C. Linga Reddy; Shri Daji; Shri Surendra Pal Singh; Shri Yashpal Singh; Shri M. L. Dwivedl; Shri Subodh Hansda; Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad; Shri S. C. Samanta; Dr. M. Das; Shri P. C. Borooah;

Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Urban Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of guest houses maintained by the public sector undertakings in Calcutta, Delhi, Madras and Bombay and the cost involved;
- (b) whether Government have made suggestions to these undertakings to achieve economy in expenditure by giving up rented guest houses and seek the Central Government accommodation for their visiting officers; and
- (c) whether there is any move to pool these guest houses and to run them as Central Government Hostels?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Urban Development (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Credit Policy

350. Shri P. R. Chakraverti: Shri B. K. Das:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the credit policy for the ensuing busy season has been modified to accommodate the demands of the Industry, strengthened by the new liberal import licensing;

- (b) whether the Governor of the Reserve Bank contacted the representatives of the principal banking Companies in this regard;
- (c) how far the Banks have ensured the availability of rupee finance for the essential and priority industries; and
- (d) whether the Reserve Bank followed a fairly light credit policy during the slack season in the hope of conserving funds for the busy winter months?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachindra Chaudhuri): (a) Yes,

(b) Yes.

(c) and (d). The Reserve Bank had advised the banks at the commencement of the last slack season to improve their liquid position and to invest the return flow of credit and deposit accretion in Government securities. This advice was followed by the banks to a large extent, with considerable conservation of funds to meet the needs of the current busy season.

The banks' resources will be supplemented by refinance from the Reserve Bank on a liberalised scale in order to enable them to meet the requirements of industry. The Reserve Bank has also directed all foreign banks and all scheduled commercial banks with aggregate demand and time liabilities of Rs. 50 crores or above that at least 80 per cent of the increase in their credit portfolio during the current busy season should go to industry and/or against import and export bills.

Economy Drive

351. Shri Harish Chandra Mathur:
Shri P. C. Borocah:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri M. L. Dwivedi:
Shri Subodh Hansda:
Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad:
Dr. M. M. Das:

Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri Warlor:
Shri Shree Narayan Das:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri Basappa:
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:
Shri Hem Raj:
Shri Surendra Pal Singh:
Shri Rameshwaranand:
Shri D. D. Puri:
Shri Kolla Venkaiah:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri P. H. Bheel:
Shri Kapur Singh:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

- (a) the main features of the economy drive launched by Government to two meet the present difficult situation;
- (b) the economies which could be expected at the Central level and in each of the States during 1966-67 and what would be the projection of these steps in years to follow in the Fourth Plan; and
- (c) whether Government propose to lay a detailed statement on the Table indicating the pattern of ecomomy and the actuals under each major head?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Sachinda Chaudhuri): (a) (i) The Ministries were generally directed to effect a cut of 3 per cent in Revenue expenditure and a cut of 5 per cent in Capital expenditure in the sanctioned budget for 1966-67 by a suitable review and by curtailing or rephasing their activities. The State Governments were also similarly requested to formulate measures for economy in their expenditure.

(ii) A Committee of Secretaries undertook a review of the budgets of the Central Ministries in consultation with the Secretaries and as a result, economies to the extent of Rs. 91 crores have been located. However, additional sums will have to be provided separately for additional dearness allowance to Central Government employees and additional expenditure

due to devaluation and other postbudget decisions.

- (iii) In addition to the above, instructions have been issued to effect economies in administrative and miscellaneous expenditure in Government offices, such as on travel, deputation, scales of pay, etc.
- (b) The order of economy likely in the Central budget has been indicated in reply to Part (a). In so far as the State Governments are concerned, replies have been received only from nine of them so far and a statement showing the economies indicated by them as likely is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-7200/66].

It is not possible at this stage to project the economy measures in the remaining years of the Fourth Plan.

(c) A statement showing Ministrywise the economies which are proposed to be effected in 1966-67 in the Central budget is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-7200/66]. As the distribution of the economies has in many cases been largely left to the discretion of Ministries, it is not possible at this stage to indicate the pattern of these economy measures. The resultant position under each major head will be reflected in the revised estimates which would be submited to Parliament in due course.

चुहों से होने वाली बरबादी को रोक्तना

352. श्री म० ला० हिवेबी: श्री प्र० चं० बरुमा: श्री सुबोध हंसदा: श्री भागवत झा म्राजाद: श्री स० चं० साम्मत: बा० म० मो० दास:

क्या स्वास्थ्य तथा परिवार नियोजन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) क्या उनका ध्यान उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार के कीट विज्ञान विशेषण के उस