

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a). Yes, Sir.

(b) The DDA has recently invited applications for priority allotment of DDA flats to such public servants who have retired or are likely to retire on or before 31st December, 1993 and are awaiting allotment under the New Pattern Scheme, 1979 and 5th, 6th & 6th-A Self Financing Schemes. The last date for receipt of applications is 30th August, 1991.

(c) Question does not arise.

World Bank Assistance For Rural Hospitals in Andhra Pradesh

*394. SHRID. VENKATESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent a project report to the Union Government regarding World Bank assistance for the development of rural hospitals; and

(b) if so, the progress made in the matter so far?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIM.L. FOTEDAR):

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The proposal has recently been cleared by the Planning Commission and the same is being processed for World Bank assistance.

[*Translation*]

Shortage Of B.C.G. Vaccine

*395. SHRI VISHWANATH SHASTRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Union Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'BCG Tikon Ki Apurti Main Kami' appearing in Nav Bharat of June 3, 1991;

(b) if so, the reasons for the shortage of BCG vaccine; and

(c) the remedial measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIM.L. FOTEDAR):

(a). Yes, sir.

(b) and (c). On account of the expansion and modernisation of the BCG Vaccine Laboratory, Madras, there was temporary suspension of indigenous production of the BCG Vaccine. This shortfall was proposed to be made up by utilising of existing stocks and higher imports through UNICEF. However, due to global shortage UNICEF was unable to supply increased quantities which led to temporary shortages in certain areas in the first quarter of this financial year. The B.C.G. Vaccine Laboratory Madras has resumed production from May this year and the situation is expected to normalise shortly.

[*English*]

Houses for the Houseless

* 396. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the total amount sanctioned to the States by the Housing and Urban Development Corporation during the last two years for construction of houses for the houseless, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): Statements I and II indicating amounts sanctioned during 1989-90, 1990-91 respectively have been attached.