

mended that the posts of Research Assistant and Senior Research Assistant should be merged and be designated as Research Assistant and given the scale of Rs. 210-30-450-575. Three more scales reaching a maximum of Rs. 2000/- were recommended for scientists by the Committee together with a provision for higher pay for eminent scientists. In contrast to this, the Government decided to establish an Agricultural Research Service with a minimum pay scale of Rs. 700—1300 and with a possibility of scientists reaching a scale of Rs. 3500/- per month on the basis of assessment of their work once in five years by the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board. The promotion to the next higher scale is irrespective of the occurrence of vacancies. The retirement age was also raised to 60. Similar provisions for promotion to the next higher scale on the basis of appropriate assessment once in five years and a higher retirement age of 60 were introduced for technical services. The large number of young research assistants were given opportunities for direct induction into the Agricultural Research Service on the basis of assessment, in case they possessed the requisite educational qualifications. The former scale of Senior Research Assistant (Rs. 550—900) was designated as Scientist-S and all scientists belonging to this category are screened for adjustment in S-1 Rs. 700—1300 irrespective of the length of service. Thus the scientific and technical staff have excellent opportunities now for career advancement without worrying about vacancies and recurrent applications for jobs.

Demands of the Medical Students in Delhi

*187. SHRI KRISHNARAO NARAYAN DHULAP: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the medical students and interns of the medical colleges in Delhi have recently submitted their demands to Government;

(b) if so, what are the details of the demands with the financial implications thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement containing the details of the demands of the medical students and the interns of the medical colleges in Delhi and the Government's attitude towards them is laid on the Table of the Sabha. [See Appendix CV, Annexure No. 22]

World Bank aid for construction of houses by the Housing and Urban Development Corporation

*188. SHRI N. P. CHENGALRAYA NAIDU: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 429 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th March, 1978 and state:

(a) what are the details of the scheme for the construction of dwelling units by the Housing and Urban Development Corporation which is likely to be undertaken during the current year;

(b) whether the World Bank has offered aid for the scheme; and

(c) if so, what are the other similar projects for which World Bank has agreed to give loan?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR

BAKHT); (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement

The Housing and Urban Development Corporation is negotiating with the Delhi Development Authority for a few pockets of land in the Bodella area. A pocket which was originally offered was not found suitable and further negotiations were held to identify the possible areas for taking up a low cost housing project to be implemented by HUDCO.

HUDCO has prepared alternative layout plans and building designs for the four pockets now being offered by the D.D.A. The layout plans are based on a Cluster Concept providing adequate open spaces for out door living. The designs provide for about 20 sq. mts. of plinth area per dwelling unit. These will be two-storeyed blocks with either attached terraces on the first floor or with possibility of expansion on the ground/first floor. The structure will be of load bearing brick walls.

The World Bank has not offered any aid for this scheme.

HUDCO has been negotiating with the World Bank for a line of credit for taking up 'sites and services schemes' through the various State housing agencies in India. The negotiations have been in progress for quite sometime and recently in October last, a Team of World Bank Officials visited HUDCO and held detailed discussions with its officers. The Team also visited some Sites and Services Projects already sanctioned by HUDCO for the Madhya Pradesh Housing Board at Bhopal and Durg. The reaction of the World Bank to the proposal of HUDCO for making available a line of credit for such projects is still awaited.

R.S.S. Office/Building in the Banaras Hindu University Campus

*189. SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA;
SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV;
SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:

Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the Banaras Hindu University authorities to construct a R.S.S. office/building in the University camps; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Slum Clearance/Improvement Scheme

*190. SHRI S. K. VAISHAMPAYEN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to refer to the reply to Starred Question 185 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st March, 1978 and state:

(a) the State-wise break up of block loans and block grants given to the State Governments for slum clearance/improvement scheme during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the block assistance has been wholly utilised by the State Governments on the scheme during that period; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT): (a) to (c) The block loans and block grants given to the State Governments are not tied to any specific schemes or projects. The