

**Termination of services of Government of India Press employees appointed on compassionate grounds**

919. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees in the Government of India Press, New Delhi, appointed on compassionate grounds on the death of their working parents in the Press are removed from service even after putting in three years' service in the Press;

(b) if so, what is the number of such employees whose services have been terminated in the Press during the last six months and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken to reinstate them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING AND SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI RAM KINKAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Controversy over participation of players selected for World Cup Hockey Tournament**

920. SHRI M. KADERSHAH: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the controversy over the question of participation of some players selected for the World Cup Hockey Tournament has been resolved; and

(b) if so, what was the nature of the controversy and what are the details of the settlement arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (DR. PRATAP CHANDRA CHUNDER): (a) and (b) There has been

some controversy over the induction of some hockey players into and their subsequent relief from the Coaching Camp organised at Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports, Patiala, for the probabilities for the next World Cup Hockey Tournament. It is for the Indian Hockey Federation to resolve this controversy. Government is using its good offices to help the Federation in the matter.

**International team on 'Project Tiger'**

921. SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the international team on 'Project Tiger' has suggested extension of the Project to two more reserves; and

(b) whether Government have accepted the suggestion of the said team; and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes. The International Team on 'Project Tiger' made a suggestion for the inclusion of, Periyar (Kerala) and Sariska (Rajasthan) sanctuaries in the 'Project Tiger'. After considering the suggestion at length, the Government of India decided to include Periyar (Kerala) and Sariska (Rajasthan) in the 'Project Tiger'. Necessary Administrative approval of the Government of India for inclusion of Periyar sanctuary under 'Tiger Project' has been issued. Regarding Sariska, preliminaries are yet to be completed.