

श्री कल्प नाथ राय : सभापति महोदय, उन्होंने किसी सप्लीमेंटरी का उत्तर नहीं दिया है। ऐसे मन्त्री यहां क्यों उत्तर दे रहे हैं ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : That is not a supplementary.

श्री महेन्द्र मोहन मिश्र : आप हमारी रक्षा कीजिए।

MR. CHAIRMAN J I am told that he requires notice.

SHRI SHRIKANT VERMA : Sir, it is a very important issue. This story was circulated by the UNI and it was published all over India.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now, Papers to be laid on the Table.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Commodities Management Board

*51I. SHRI SURENDRA MOHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a Commodities Management Board in order to anticipate production, demand, export/import prospects of cash and other crops and also to protect the interests of the growers ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when it is likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION (SHRI BHANU PRATAP SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

Shortage of Anti-Rabies Vaccine

*5i2. SHRI ABDUL REHMAN SHEIKH :

SHRI MAHADEO PRASAD VARMA :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of anti-rabies vaccine;

(b) whether it is also a fact that production of this vaccine is short of the installed capacity ; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to meet the shortage of the medicine ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV) : (a) Shortage was reported in some hospitals in a few States in India and in Delhi hospitals during May to July this year. Arrangements for supplies were made on receipt of such information.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

In view of (a) above, however, the position has recently been reviewed and in order to ensure coordinated flow of supplies of anti-rabies vaccine to all the States from the various manufacturing institutions in the country, a Plan of allocation of supplies has been drawn so that no State is faced with any problem in this regard in future.