

SHRI J. S. ANAND.

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

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to reorganise the Nursing Home of the Willingdon Hospital, New Delhi in medical and administration matters; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU): (a) and (b) The administrative arrangements in both the Willingdon and Safdarjang Hospitals are under review with a view to improve their functioning.

#### Sale of Rice and Wheat to Kerala

833. SHRI B. D. BARMAN:

SHRI BHOLA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have instructed the surplus States not to sell rice and wheat to Kerala and in fact these surplus State Governments have already refunded money which the Kerala Government had paid according to the purchase agreement made with them; and

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

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): (a) and (b) Like other deficit States, Kerala State has been permitted to purchase levy free rice from surplus States on bilateral basis. Under the new wheat policy Kerala Government have also been permitted to purchase levy free wheat from surplus States on trade account.

#### Unsold books in the National Book Trust Godowns

834. SHRI BHOLA PRASAD: Will the Minister of EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 69 given

in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th April, 1974 and state:

(a) what steps Government have so far taken to clear the accumulation of unsold books in the National Book Trust godowns; and

(b) what is the present selling procedure followed by the Trust?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI D. P. YADAV): (a) The Review Committee appointed by the Government has since submitted its report which, *inter alia*, has made certain recommendations about the distribution and sale of the publications of the Trust. These recommendations are under consideration of the Government. The Government is also examining the question of gifting books which were published more than five years ago to selected deserving libraries in the country.

(b) The sale of the Trust's publications was hitherto handled by its sole selling agents. The Trust is now diversifying its distribution channels and has also entrusted its sales to the Sales Emporia of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, the first one of which has recently been set up in Delhi. In addition to its existing promotional activities such as, book fairs, catalogues, book release functions, etc., the Trust has recently appointed a Sales Executive at headquarters and regional field representatives to step up these activities

#### Wheat ship ran aground

835. SHRI BHOLA PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an American wheat ship ran aground close to the light house near Bombay Port and that more than half of the wheat aboard the ship is believed to have been soaked and become unfit for human consumption;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the total loss suffered by Government on that account; and