

OUT OF TURN ALLOTMENT OF GOVERNMENT ACCOMMODATION ON MEDICAL GROUNDS

*603. SHRI S. A. KHAJA MOHI-DEEN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ban imposed on Central Government employees for applying for the allotment of accommodation on out of turn basis on medical grounds has been lifted;

(b) if so, from which date;

(c) the number of applications received after that date; and

(d) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to lift the ban in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI BHOLA PASWAN SHASTRI): (a) No ban as such was imposed. The provision in the Allotment Rules regarding allotment of accommodation out of turn on grounds of illness of an officer or a member of his family was deleted from the 13th May, 1972.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) 224 applications for *ad hoc* allotment on medical grounds were received during the period from 13th May, 1972 to 28th February, 1973.

(d) No, Sir.

*604. *Transferred to the 27th March, 1973.*

REQUEST FOR FOODGRAINS BY WEST BENGAL GOVERNMENT

*605. SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request was made by the Government of West Bengal to the Central Government to increase its allocation of wheat from 80,000 tonnes to 1,10,000 tonnes; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHAB SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Taking into account the overall availability of wheat stock in the Central pool and the requirements of other deficit and drought affected States, the reasonable requirements of wheat of the West Bengal Government are being met from the Central pool. Eighty five thousand tonnes of wheat have been allotted to the State Government for the month of March, 1973.

ASSISTANCE TO WEST BENGAL

*606. DR. R. K. CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of heifers, bulls, milch cows and chilling plants, which were received during the last three years from foreign sources and supplied to West Bengal by way of assistance; and

(b) how do they compare with such assistance to the States like Haryana, Punjab, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) 1439 number of heifers, bulls and milch cows of exotic breeds were received during the last 3 years through the foreign Government/private Agencies as assistance. The West Bengal Government was given 36 number of exotic cattle.

(b) the States of Haryana, Punjab, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu were allotted 93, 241, 228 and 11 exotic cattle respectively.

ROLE OF OPHTHALMOLOGISTS

1508. SHRI N. R. CHOUDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to