

ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS FOR HOUSING SCHEMES

120. **SHRI THILLAI VILLALAN :**
SHRI S. SIVAPRAKASAM :
SHRI G. P. SOMASUNDARAM :
SHRI KANCHI KALYANASUNDARAM :

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many of the States have not utilised their housing funds in the year 1969;

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

(c) whether the unutilised funds will be reallocated to the States which require more funds for the housing schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY): (a) to (c). During the Fourth Five Year plan beginning from 1969-70, Central assistance to States for all State sector schemes (including housing) will be given in the form of block loans and block grants without being tied to any particular head of development. The State Governments can utilise the assistance under various State sector schemes according to their requirements. The details of the amounts utilised by the State Governments under housing schemes, out of the block Central assistance allocated to them during 1969-70, have not yet been furnished by them. These may be available sometime after the end of the current financial year.

PRICES OF MEDICINES AND DRUGS

121. **SHRI KALYAN ROY:** Will the Minister of **HEALTH, FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the talks with the representatives of pharmaceutical industries for the reduction of drugs and medicine prices have been concluded; and

(b) if so, what are the results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B. S. MURTHY): (a) and (b) The views of the representatives of the drug industry and the drug trade in different matters were informally ascertained and are under the consideration of Government.

ALL INDIA SURGEONS CONFERENCE

122. **SHRI DAHYABHAI V. PATEL :**
SHRI LOKANATH MISRA :
SHRI M.K. MOHTA :

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received suggestions made at the recent All India Surgeons Conference urging the raising of retirement age of doctors in view of the shortage of experienced doctors, particularly in rural areas; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING AND WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI B.S. MURTHY): (a) No suggestions have so far been received from the All India Surgeons Conference.

(b) Does not arise.

ZINC SMELTER IN TAMIL NADU

123. **SHR G.P. SOMASUNDARAM :**
SHRI KANCHI KALYANASUNDARAM :
SHRI T.V. ANANDAN :

Will the Minister of **PETROLEUM and CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have commissioned any Polish Agency to prepare a detailed project report for setting up a zinc smelter in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether Government have received the report; and