

**OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF LATE SHRI
SHASTRI LYING VACANT**

"87. SHRI U. S. DUGAL :
DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI
TALWAR:

Will the Minister of WORKS, HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased
to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the former
official residence of the late Prime
Minister Shri Sha tri at 10, Jan Path, New
Delhi is lying vacant; and.

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

THE MINISTER OF WORKS, HOUSING
AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI
MEHR CHAND KHANNA) : (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

JAPANESE AID TO INDIA

*88. SHRI NIREN GHOSH : Will the
Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government
have proposed to the Japanese Government to
refinance the interest charges that are to be
paid to Japan on the loans received; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the
Japanese Government on the said proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI
SACHINDRA CHAUDHURI) : (a) Aid
negotiations with members of the India
Consortium, of whom Japan is one, are carried
on in the first instance through Consortium and
World Bank auspices. In the course of such
negotiations, the need for non-project
assistance as such has been indicated by the
World Bank to the various Consortium
countries including Japan; it has also been
pointed out in that connection that debt
rescheduling, which includes both principal
and interest, is a form of quickly drawable
non-project aid. ■ We have followed this up
with the Japanese Government.

(b) The reactions of Japan are not known.

CREDIT FROM CANADA

*89. RAJA SHANKAR PRATAP SINGH
: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased
to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Canada has
released some credit to India, during this
year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI
SACHINDRA CHAUDHURI) : (a) and (b)
Yes, Sir. The Government of Canada
authorised on 20th April, 1966 a loan of C.
\$2.15 million for the purchase of 13 Nos.
diesel loco-' motives by the Calcutta Port
Commissioners. The loan is repayable over a
period of 50 years inclusive of a grace period
of 10 years. No interest is payable but a service
charge of 3/4 of 1 per cent, per annum has to be
paid on amounts drawn and outstanding. Be-
sides this, a commitment fee of 3/4 of 1 per
cent, per annum has to be paid on the amount
undrawn commencing from the date of signing
of the agreement, till the loan is fully drawn.

**APPELLATE TRIBUNALS FOR CUSTOMS
CASES**

*90. SHRI K. SUNDARAM : Will the
Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal j under
Government's consideration to ' set up
Appellate Tribunals for hear-i ing the Central
Customs and Excise \ appeals; and

(b) if so, what are the details | thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN
THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
i (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**REVISION OF GRATUITY RULES FOR
GOVERNMENT SERVANTS**

67. SHRI T. V. ANANDAN : Will the
Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under
Government's consideration to revise the
Gratuity Rules applicable to Central
Government servants; and