

MEMORANDUM FOR CABINET BY THE HON. MINISTER
OF WORKS AND HOUSING

Extension of the Housing Act, 1949

Although every effort is made to restrict the use of the requisitioning power as much as possible, it is still very necessary that the Act be extended for a further period of twelve months as from 12th February, 1963.

It is pointed out that the Housing Department is at present engaged in the evacuation of a good number of dwellings which it is required to demolish in connection with the implementation of various Government schemes, and the power to requisition is still required in order to vacate the affected premises as well as to ensure the provision of suitable alternative accommodation for the families concerned.

The attention of Hon. Ministers is also drawn to the fact that there are a number of families which have been accommodated by the Housing Department in privately owned property and who are not yet recognised by the respective owners as the legal tenants. The expiry of the Housing Act would immediately deprive these families of their title to occupation and they would automatically become homeless.

Hon. Ministers are therefore asked to approve that the Housing Act, 1949, shall continue in force for a further period of one year until the 12th day of February, 1964.

19th January, 1963.

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