

(b) the expected annual earnings from this hotel ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) An expenditure of Rs. 299.82 lakhs approximately has been incurred on the construction of the Airport Hotel, Calcutta, up to 31-3-1976.

(b) The hotel commenced operation on 12-6-1975. The provisional earnings of the hotel for the year 1975-76 are Rs. 22.47 lakhs. The expected earnings for the year 1976-77 are Rs. 50.11 lakhs.

#### **Foreign exchange through sugar export**

67. SHRI HIMMAT SINH :

SHRI R. NARASIMHA REDDY :

DR. V. B. SINGH :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the foreign exchange earned from export of sugar during 1975-76.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : The value of sugar exports during 1975-76 amounted to Rs. 467.00 crores.

#### **Loans by L.I.C. for Rural Housing Schemes**

68. SHRI DEORAO PATIL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Life Insurance Corporation has disbursed any loans for rural housing schemes during the year 1975-76 ; and

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

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) During the financial year 1975-76, loans amounting to Rs 21.80 crores have been disbursed

by the L.I.C. for financing the following social housing schemes of the State Governments :

(i) Middle Income Group Housing Scheme.

(ii) Rental Housing Scheme for State Government Employees.

(iii) Low Income Group Housing Scheme.

(iv) Land Acquisition and Development Scheme.

(v) Plantation Labour Housing Scheme.

(vi) Village Housing Project Scheme.

It is for the State Governments concerned to apportion the loans given to them by the L.I.C. into one or more or all of the above schemes.

(b) As per information received by the LIC from 8 State Governments, the following amounts were utilised for Village Housing Schemes :

(1) Karnataka Rs. 30 lakhs.

(2) Orissa Rs. 35 lakhs.

#### **Report of the Cotton Link-price Committee**

69. SHRI DEORAO PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Cotton Link-price Committee appointed by Government to go into the question of proper linkage between the prices of raw cotton and cloth has submitted its report ; and

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations contained therein and the decision taken by Government thereon ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.