

incurred on the pension scheme for Jawans during the last three years; and

(c) the number of pension cases pending finalisation till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The number of Armed Forces pensioners as on 1-4-1974 was 7,02,338. This figure includes 1,39,666 family pensioners including children. This information as on 31-12-1974 is not available.

(b) The total expenditure incurred on pensions for Jawans including families for the last three years is as follows:—

Year	Expenditure
1971-72	Rs. 3663 lakhs
1972-73	Rs. 3945 lakhs
1973-74	Rs. 4412 lakhs

(c) Number of pension cases pending on 31-12-1974 was 8,612.

Sick tea gardens in Himachal Pradesh

*574. SHRI SYED NIZAM-UD-DIN:

SHRI GIAN CHAND TOTU:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Expert Committee set up by Government to look into the question of take-over of sick tea gardens, has considered the cases of such gardens in Himachal Pradesh; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (PROF. D. P. CHATTOPADHYAYA):

(a) and (b) To a questionnaire issued by the Tea Board in July, 1972 calling for information from tea gardens which consider themselves 'un-economic', no response from any tea estate in Himachal Pradesh was received, and as such the question does not arise.

Loans by I.F.C. to States

*575. SHRI BHAIKAB CHANDRA MAHANTI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the amount of loans sanctioned by Industrial Finance Corporation to different States for setting up new industries or for their expansion for both private and public sector projects during 1972-73 and 1973-74?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI C. SUBRAMANIAM): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

State-wise distribution of loans sanctioned by the Industrial Finance Corporation of India to industrial concerns for setting up of new projects and for expansion, diversification of existing lines of production etc. in cooperative, private and public corporate sectors during the years 1972-73 and 1973-74 (April—March) is given in Annexures I and II respectively. [See Appendix XCI, Annexure Nos. 71 and 72].

The State-wise distribution of the financial assistance depends on location of industrial concerns assisted by the Corporation. The location of an industrial concern is indicated in the industrial licence where such licence is required; in other cases it is decided by the entrepreneur.