

explore the possibility of the utilisation of the workshops attached to their Regional Colleges of Education for training of youth for development of their skill. The matter is under discussion.

PROBLEMS OF OLD PEOPLE

446. DR. B. N. ANTANI : Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE / शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Social Welfare had some time ago undertaken a study with regard to the problems of the old people and to ascertain how this man-power could be utilized in the country;

(b) if so, the State/City to which the study had been confined; and

(c) the results achieved as a result thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE / शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (SHRI K. S. RAMASWAMY): (a) and (b). The Indian Council of Social Welfare is a private Organisation. Information received indicate that no study has as yet been conducted by it on the problems of old people.

(c) Does not arise.

L.I.C. BUSINESS IN 1970-71

447. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR :
SHRI DEVDUTT KUMAR
KIKABHAI PATEL :
SHRI S. C. ANGRE :

Will the Minister of FINANCE/ वित्त मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total business secured by the Life Insurance Corporation during the year 1970-71;

(b) whether Government have taken any decision to drop the proposal for reducing the premium rates; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the number and the total value of pending claims awaiting settlement by the Life Insurance Corporation at present ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE/ वित्त मंत्री (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) :

(a) The new business secured by the LIC during 1970-71 amounted to more than Rs. 1303 crores.

(b) The LIC reduced premium rates under certain without-profit plans of assurances with effect from 1st February, 1970. These reductions were justified by actuarial considerations, but in view of the uncertainty of the trend of future expenses it decided to defer consideration of any revision of premium rates under 'with-profit plans' till such time as expenses have stabilised, particularly because equity to policyholders under the with-profit plans can be ensured through the mechanism of bonus distribution.

Recently, the LIC revived the premium rates under "one Year Renewable Group Term Assurance Plan" and "level-Premium Group Term Assurance Plan" and has decided to reduce the premium rates under these plans with effect from 1st June, 1971.

(c) The number of pending claims on 30-4-1971 is :—

	Number	Amount in crores of rupees
BY Death	30791	12.09
By Maturity	58603	8.69

N.B.—The figures are provisional.

HINDI MEDIUM IN CENTRAL SCHOOLS

448. SHRI BALACHANDRA MENON:
SHRI M.V. BHADRAM :
SHRI G. GOPINATHAN NAIR :

Will the Minister OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE/ शिक्षा और समाज कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have issued a directive to the Central Schools in the country to switch over to Hindi medium from the next academic year;

(b) whether this would create undue hardships for people in non-Hindi speaking States;

(c) whether the teachers of Central Schools as well as parents in some of the non-Hindi speaking States have already expressed their resentment over this directive; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Central Government in regard thereto?