

of Shri Syed Abdul Rehman Bafakki Thangal, President of the Kerala Muslim League in Calicut were searched by the customs officers on 26-5-70. One cloth jacket and one cloth belt (generally used for carrying contraband gold), some tetron fabrics made in Japan, two gas cylinders containing gas for mechanical lighters, and some tapes for tape recorders and certain incriminating documents were recovered. Shri Syed Mohammed Bafakki Thangal was arrested under the provisions of Customs Act, 1962, on account of his complicity in certain cases of illicit landing of contraband goods on Kerala coast during 1969-70. Further investigations are in progress.

(d) Matool island has not figured as a main point of landing in investigations so far conducted by the Customs Department.

(e) and (f) Government are aware of the criticism recently made by some M. Ps. from Kerala to the effect that certain individuals are trying to influence the proceedings against the person concerned in this case. However, there is no truth in this allegation.

#### **'IGN COLL.' PORATION IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR PROJECTS**

\*749. SHRI MOHAN LAL GAUTAM : Will I be Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that all the foreign agencies connected with the Public Sector projects under his Ministry either as collaborators or designers or executors did their part of the contract strictly according to the wording of the contract; and

(b) if not, what steps Government took in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE, THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b). There are 23 Public enterprises under this Ministry and these enterprises, all these years, have entered into various contracts with foreign agencies for supply of know-how, plant and machinery, etc. The time and effort involved in collection of the information in respect of fulfilment of each Agreement/Contract by the foreign agency may not be commensurate with the result. However, it may be stated

that, by and large, the foreign agencies\* did their part of the various contracts according to the terms of Agreement/Contract and that disputes, if any, have been resolved to the extent possible.

#### **REDUCTION OF PREMIUM RATES BY THE LIFE INSURANCE CORPORATION**

♦750. SHRI Z. A. AHMAD :

SHRI SURAJ PRASAD :

SHRI BHOLA PRASAD :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Life Insurance Corporation has rejected the suggestion to reduce the premium rates on 'with profit' life insurance policies; and

(b) if so, on what grounds the suggestion has been rejected?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI Y. B. CHAVAN) : (a) and (b). In view of the uncertainty of the trend of future expenses, the L.I.C. thought it prudent to defer the consideration of reduction in premium rates under its with-profit plans of assurances till such time its expenses have been stabilised particularly when equity to these classes of policyholders can be ensured through the mechanism of bonus distribution.

प्रति व्यक्ति आय तथा कर

\*751. श्री बी० एन० मण्डल : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि संसार के प्रमुख विकसित तथा विकासोन्मुख देशों में प्रति व्यक्ति राष्ट्रीय आय और प्रति-व्यक्ति करों का क्या अनुपात है और उसकी तुलना में भारत में प्रति व्यक्ति राष्ट्रीय आय और प्रति व्यक्ति करों का क्या अनुपात है ?

#### **PER CAPITA INCOME AND TAXES**

\*751. SHRI B. N. MANDAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state, the ratio between per capita national income and per capita taxes in the major developed and the developing countries of the world at present and in what manner does that ratio compare with the ratio between per capita national income and per capita taxes in India at present?

[ ] English translation.