

EXPORT OF ALUMINIUM

1087. DR. (MRS.) MANGLADEVI TALWAR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have permitted exports of aluminium against specific requests from producers beyond the original deadline that is the 31st December, 1968 ; and

(b) whether the export of aluminium is likely to continue till the recessionary conditions in the country subsides ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI JAGANNATH RAO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Following representations made by the aluminium producers regarding enquiries for the purchase of aluminium metal received by them from abroad, it has been decided, after reviewing the internal demand and supply position, to continue the policy of export of aluminium and semis by the Indian producers beyond 31st December, 1968, and during the year 1969-70. With a view to ensuring that the export commitments of the producers do not create scarcity conditions in the country, it has been decided to review quarterly the position regarding production, internal demand and likely export commitments.

L. I. C.'s "OWN YOUR HOME" SCHEME

1088. SHRI G. BARBORA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of towns in each State in which the L. I. C.'s "Own your Home" scheme has been extended during this year ; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to extend the scheme to Tinsukia Town in Upper Assam during the next year ?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE, (SHRI MORARJI R. DESAI) : (a) The scheme has been extended to 35 centres from 1-1-1969 as per details below :—

State	Number of Centres
1. Assam	2
2. Bihar	3
3. Gujarat	2
4. Haryana	2
5. Kerala	3
6. Madhya Pradesh	3
7. Tamil Nadu	3
8. Maharashtra	4
9. Mysore	4
10. Orissa	1
11. Punjab	1
12. Rajasthan	2
13. Uttar Pradesh	3
14. West Bengal	2

(b) L. I. C. is collecting further particulars for considering extension of the scheme to Tinsukia.

[VENKETARAMAN COMMITTEE'S PROPOSAL]

859. SHRI BALACHANDRA MENON: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Planning Commission has asked the States to implement the Venketaraman Committee's proposal for an 11 per cent return on capital employed in electricity reundertakings;

(b) whether the State Governments have accepted the proposal; and

(c) how much additional income expected to be raised by the measure during the Fourth Plan ?

■(■Transferred from the 6th March 1969.