

Class II Field Officers of the Life Insurance Corporation of India for mediation and settlement of their demands;

(b) if so, what are their main demands; and

(c) what steps have been taken so far by Government in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAGANNATH PAHADIA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The demands of the Development Officers are:—

(i) Linking of the dearness allowance to the cost of living index;

(ii) Ad hoc increases in dearness allowance;

(iii) House Rent Allowance at a flat rate of 12½ per cent. of the basic pay for Development Officers drawing Rs. 500 or more without verification of rent paid;

(iv) Bonus at the rate of 1½ months' salary.

(c) The Life Insurance Corporation and the National Federation of Insurance Field Workers have agreed to refer the matter to Government for an "appropriate and just" decision. The Government is expected to give its decision on the matter very soon.

\*41. [Transferred to the 28th November, 1968.]

#### ALLOTMENT OF SHOPS IN GOVERNMENT COLONIES IN NEW DELHI

\*42. SHRI B. K. GAIKWAD: Will the Minister of WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for allotment of shops in Government colonies in New Delhi;

(b) whether certain shops have been reserved for persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to reserve certain number of shops for allotment to them; and

(d) if so, by when it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS, HOUSING AND SUPPLY (SHRI JAGANNATH RAO): (a) Shops in Government Colonies under the control of the Directorate of Estates are normally allotted on tender basis.

(b) Yes, in proportion to their population in Delhi.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

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उत्तर प्रदेश में गंगा के मैदान में तेल की खोज

\*45. श्री गनेशी लाल चौधरी: क्या पेट्रोल तथा रसायन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि कनाडा के श्री एच० आर० वैन तथा डा० डार्क यू० वार्ड नामक दो तेल शोधक विशेषज्ञों ने हाल ही में उत्तर प्रदेश के गंगा के मैदान में तेल खोजने का एक सर्वेक्षण किया है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो क्या उन्होंने भारत सरकार को रिपोर्ट दे दी है; और

(ग) यदि हाँ, तो क्या सरकार उस रिपोर्ट को सभा पटल पर रखने की कृपा करेगी?

†[EXPLORATION OF OIL IN THE GANGETIC PLAIN OF U.P.]

\*45. SHRI GANESHI LAL CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two oil refinery experts from Canada, Mr. H. R. Vane and Dr. Darch U. Ward, have recently conducted a survey with a view to exploring oil in the Gangetic plain of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether they have submitted a report to the Government of India; and

†[ ] English translation.