

DISPERSAL OF INDUSTRIES

616. SHRI V. M. CHORDIA: SHRI RAM SAHAI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the precise nature of the decision taken in regard to the policy of dispersal of industries, specially in the consumer goods and processing industries in backward areas;

(b) whether any suggestion in this regard has been made by certain Members of Parliament from Madhya Pradesh to the Prime Minister; and

(c) if so, what decision has been taken on their suggestion?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI ASOKA MEHTA) : (a) The growth of industries in backward areas is encouraged by taking such measures as the expansion of village and small industries, location of public sector projects in backward areas within the constraints imposed by the overall techno-economic considerations, giving preferential consideration to backward areas in licensing industrial projects in the private sector and by implementing the programme of development of 'industrial areas' where infra-structure facilities are provided for industries. "

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The policy to favour and encourage location of industries in backward regions has already been accepted.

SMUGGLING OF GOODS INTO INDIA .

617. SHRI D. THENGARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent seizures made by the customs authorities in the country show a marked change in the type of goods smuggled into this country; and

(b) if so, what is the nature of (he change?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI SACHINDRA CHAUDHURI): (a) Recent seu-Tires made by the customs authorities do not show any marked change in the type of goods smuggled into this country.

(b) Does.' not arise.

BUSINESS TRANSACTED BY THE L.I.C.

618. SHRI SITARAM JAIPURIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the business transacted by the L.I.C. during the month- of May and June, 1966 as compared to the corresponding months in last year;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to reduce the rate of L.I.C. premiums, and

(c) if so, the details of the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI SACHINDRA CHAUDHURI): (a) The figures of new life insurance business secured by the LLC. during the month--; of May and June, 1965 and 1966 are as follows:

		(Rs. in Crores)	
		Intro- duced	Comp- leted
1966			
May	.	42.34	35.22
June	.	48.07	40.98
1965			
May	.	37.51	34.66
June	.	48.04	42.39

(b) and (c) There is no proposal at present to reduce LIC's premium rates. The Corporation will, however, review its premium structure after the results of investigation into the mortality experience of the assured lives covering the period 1961—64 which is currently in progress become available.

CASUAL WORKERS IN STATIONERY OFFICE, CALCUTTA

619. SHRI NIREN GHOSH: Will the Minister of WORKS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) how many casual workers are at present working in the Government of India Stationery Office at Calcutta and for how long; and

(b) whether the assurance to decasualise them has since been implemented; if so, the details thereof?