

Investment by LIC

1386. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether L.I.C. has invested a huge amount in stock market;
- (b) if so, the details of investments made by LIC during last three years in equity market and debt market;
- (c) whether the exposure of LIC in the share market is growing; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (d) Equity investments are one of the permissible instruments for investment by Life Insurance Corporation of India. As in March, 2004, the book value of equity investment was Rs. 25,328 crores. The details of investment made by LIC during the last three years are as Under:—

Particulars	(Rs. in Crore)		
	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04 (provisional figures)
Equity Purchases	4,776	6,929	7,734
Debt Investments	47,082	56,461	80,005

Life Insurance Corporation of India's exposure for equity market has been growing in absolute terms over the years. However, as a percentage of the total investments, equity investment accounted for approximately 8% during the last three years. The increase in growth is basically due to increase in business volumes and premium collections.

Credit-Deposit ratio in States

1387. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the Credit-Deposit ratio at the national level;
- (b) the Credit-Deposit ratio at the State level, State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that Credit-Deposit ratio for the State of Tripura is far less than the national level; and

(d) the target fixed for the State and the steps proposed by the Central Government in support of achieving the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) The Credit Deposit ratio (CD-ratio) at the national level for the year 2003-04 was 58.72%

(b) The State-wise details of the CD Ratio as on 31.3.2004 is given in the Statement (See below)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In order to remove imbalance in the Credit Deposit Ratio, RBI has advised public sector banks to achieve a Credit Deposit Ratio of 60% in respect of their rural and semi-urban branches, separately, on all India basis. No specific CD ratios have been fixed for States by RBI.

Statement

*CDR of All Scheduled Commercial Banks for the year
ending March 31.3.2004*

<i>Sr. No.</i>	<i>Region/State</i>	<i>March 2004</i>
A. Northern Region		58.84
1.	Haryana	47.90
2.	Himachal Pradesh	29.71
3.	Jammu and Kashmir	39.21
4.	Punjab	43.38
5.	Rajasthan	57.24
B. North Eastern Region		28.82
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	17.35
2.	Assam	30.77
3.	Manipur	29.02
4.	Meghalaya	38.83
5.	Mizoram	38.37
6.	Nagaland	18.84

<i>Sr. No.</i>	<i>Region/State</i>	<i>March 2004</i>
	7. Tripura	25.56
C. Eastern Region		42.10
	1. Bihar	25.58
	2. Jharkhand	27.38
	3. Orissa	54.24
	4. Sikkim	23.30
	5. West Bengal	49.32
D. Central Region		35.85
	1. Chhattisgarh	39.76
	2. Madhya Pradesh	47.71
	3. Uttar Pradesh	33.21
	4. Uttaranchal	20.40
E. Western Region		72.00
	1. Goa	21.77
	2. Gujarat	43.32
	3. Maharashtra	81.35
F. Southern Region		68.07
	1. Andhra Pradesh	66.03
	2. Karnataka	62.89
	3. Kerala	47.30
	4. Tamil Nadu	89.63

Opium Cultivation

†1388. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a variety of poppy seed 'Sujata' does not contain opium substances; -

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.