

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS**Withdrawal of insurance cover**

2924. SHRI INDRAMONI BORA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that insurance cover has been withdrawn by Insurance Companies in Barak-Valley (three districts Silchar, Karimganj, Harilakandi) Dhubri and Lakhimpur revenue circle of Goalpara districts; and

(b) if so, whether he would take up the matter with Finance Minister so that insurance cover for the above districts is restored immediately?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) According to available information, Regional Inter-company Committee of Public Sector General Insurance have decided not to extend the basic fire policy/house holders' policy/shopkeepers' comprehensive insurance policy etc. to cover the perils of floods and inundation in Barak Valley, Dhubri and Lakhimpur revenue circle of Goalpara district in Assam in view of the heavy floods and inundation consistently experienced since 1989 resulting in loss of property in these areas. The occurrence of flood is a regular feature in these areas. However, the basic covers for fire and other risks excluding the perils of flood and inundation, continue to be offered by the Public Sector General Insurance Companies in these areas.

(b) As the decision has been taken on commercial considerations by the insurance companies directly, there is no proposals for taking up the matter with the Finance Minister at present.

Industrial Development of Assam

2925. SHRI DRUPAD BORGHAIN: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the policy adopted to develop Assam in the industrial field;