

and laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Kuchipudi Natyam

2491. **Kumarj M. Vedakumarj:** Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kuchipudi Natyam was not recognised as a classical dance by an Expert Committee of Sangeet Natak Akademy; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) The Expert Committee appointed by the Sangeet Natak Akademi to advise the Akademi, in its policy of awards to artists in the field of dancing and the categories of dances in which these awards should be given, has not yet submitted its report.

(b) Does not arise.

Life Insurance Corporation

2492. { Shri S. M. Banerjee:
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Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Life Insurance Corporation is intending to utilise Co-operative Societies as its agents in rural areas to boost up insurance business;

(b) if so, whether the scheme has been formulated by the Corporation; and

(c) the main features of the scheme?

The Minister of Revenue and Civil Expenditure (Dr. B. Gopala Reddi): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The scheme is under the consideration of the Life Insurance Corporation of India.

Water Supply in Andamans

2493. **Shri Lachman Singh:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dalthaman Tank which is the main source of supply of water in Andamans has been cleaned; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Pandit G. B. Pant): (a) and (b). General cleaning of the Dalthaman Tank is being done regularly. The Geological Survey of India have advised that desilting of tank should not be done. Water is, however, filtered and chlorinated regularly and also tested by Public Health Officer every month.

Medical Specialists in Andamans

2494. **Shri Lachman Singh:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are no medical specialists in Andaman Islands;

(b) whether Government are considering to post specialists on eye, nose, ear and throat in these Islands; and

(c) if so, how far the matter has been considered?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva): (a) There is no medical specialist in the Islands.

(b) and (c). It is proposed to send a medical graduate for a specialised training in eye, ear, nose and throat. These islands have only a small population and do not, therefore, need wholetime specialists.

Buffaloes for Andamans

2495. **Shri Lachman Singh:** Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that buffaloes for ploughing by displaced