

district to camps in Cachar district which are being put up.

The State Government have set up a separate Relief and Rehabilitation Department and have posted the necessary field staff to tackle the problem of refugees.

#### L.I.C. Housing Scheme

- \*28. { Shri Subodh Hansda:  
Shri S. C. Samanta:  
Shri D. C. Sharma:  
Shrimati Jyotsna Chanda:  
Shri Yashpal Singh:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new housing scheme of L.I.C. has made any progress;

(b) if so, how many policies have been issued so far and the amount of such policies; and

(c) the number of applications received from the policy holders for grants of loans?

**The Minister of Planning (Shri B. R. Bhagat):** (a) As the Scheme has been in operation only for a very short period, it is not possible at this stage to express any clear opinion.

(b) The figures are not readily available but the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The number of applications received upto the end of April, 1964, was 991.

#### Increase in Dearness Allowance

- \*29. { Shri Nambiar:  
Shri Onkar Lal Berwa:  
Shri Gokaran Prasad:  
Shri S. M. Banerjee:  
Shri Priya Gupta:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the serious discontent prevailing

on account of the very meagre increase in Dearness Allowance granted to the Central Government Employees;

(b) whether this increase fully neutralises the rise in cost of living;

(c) whether the increase granted is in accordance with the recommendations of the Second Pay Commission; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to remove the discontent?

**The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha):** (a) Some representations have been received saying that the recent increases in dearness allowance are inadequate.

(b) No, Sir. The recent increase ensures at the minimum of each slab up to Rs. 300, roughly 75% neutralisation of the total rise of 20 points since 1-7-59 in the average price index over a period of 12 months.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

#### "Affairs of Sri Sriram Durga Prasad of Nagpur"

\*30. **Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 439 on the 5th March, 1964 and state:

(a) whether the investigation into the affairs of Sri Sriram Durga Prasad of Nagpur has been completed; and

(b) if so, with what result?

**The Minister of Planning (Shri B. R. Bhagat):** (a) Investigations are still in progress.

(b) Does not arise.