

'Mass Insurance' Scheme

- *705. { Shri Shree Narayan Das:
 Shri Radha Raman:
 Shri Damani:
 Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether the suggestion of the Chairman of the Life Insurance Corporation commending a 'mass insurance' scheme covering workers in industrial and commercial establishments and Government departments to obtain 'mass business' has been considered by actuaries and other insurance experts;

(b) if so, their opinions in this regard;

(c) whether the precise nature of this scheme has been drawn up; and

(d) whether a copy of the same will be laid on the Table?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) to (c). The suggestion of the Chairman is still under the examination of the Life Insurance Corporation.

(d) Does not arise at present.

International Indian Ocean Expedition

- *706. { Shrimati Ila Palchoudhuri:
 Shri Ajit Singh Sarbadi:

Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of India have decided to take part in the International Indian Ocean Expedition next year (1962);

(b) if so, how many Indian ships will take part in it; and

(c) the area in which they will operate?

The Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs (Shri Humayun Kabir): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Four to six Indian ships are expected to take part.

(c) The Arabian Sea, the Bay of Bengal and some areas lying to the South as far as the Equator.

Coal Deliveries

*707. **Shri Vidya Charan Shukla:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of the measures adopted by Government to see that coal deliveries are made according to allocations decided by Government; and

(b) how far these measures have succeeded?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh): (a) The following measures have been adopted to bring an improvement in the despatches of coal:—

(i) The rail transport capacity for coal movement from Bengal/Bihar fields has been increased by 200 wagons per day from July last.

(ii) In addition to whatever can be moved by rail, movement of coal to Southern and Western parts of the country has been planned by the rail-cum-sea route via Calcutta port.

(iii) Movement in block rakes is being arranged in the case of industries having low priorities, for example, brick burning and small scale industries.

(iv) Coalfields in the Central India are being developed in the Third Plan so that nearby States may get their supplies from these fields and the long haulage from Bengal/Bihar fields may be avoided.

(v) Coal dumps are being set up at suitable consuming centres by the various States.

(vi) Movement of coal and soft coke by road has been liberalised.

(vii) The daily coal loading target is being increased from 6535 wagons in 1961 to 6925 wagons in 1962.