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Colonies for L.I.C. Employees

1545. { Shri Daji:
Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri H. P. Chatterjee:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Life Insurance Corporation has finally decided to have separate colonies for the insurance employees in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the number of quarters likely to be constructed for them during the Third Five Year Plan period?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) No decision as such has been taken by the Life Insurance Corporation to have separate colonies for its employees in the three States. However, at places where private accommodation is not available at reasonable rents the Corporation considers undertaking the construction of a limited number of quarters for its employees.

(b) No firm indication is available at this stage.

Oriental Studies in Universities

1546. **Shri A. T. Sarma:** Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the universities which have introduced oriental studies including Jyotishi and Ayurveda in their curricula as separate subjects; and

(b) the details of the titles and degrees that they confer after completion of the prescribed courses?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimali): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix II, annexure No. 77].

Geological Survey in Madras State

1547. **Shri Elayaperumal:** Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state:

(a) whether recently any geological survey has been undertaken in South Arcot and Tanjore District in Madras State; and

(b) if so, the results thereof?

The Deputy Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri Hajarnavis): (a) and (b). An area of about 1651 sq. kms. was mapped on 1"=1 mile scale during the last three years in South Arcot district. No mapping was done during this period in Tanjore district. Geophysical investigations were conducted in the coastal tracts of both the districts.

The details of the work carried out by the Geological Survey of India in South Arcot district during the last three years are as follows:

South Arcot:

Copper: An old copper mine was discovered at Mamandur in 1958. Drilling was started in 1961 and so far 3 holes have been completed. The zone of mineralisation of copper, lead and zinc extends to 275 metres.

Iron ore: The reserves of iron ore at Manmalai and Budamangalam were estimated at 345,000 tonnes with 36 to 40 per cent iron. Reserves totalling $\frac{1}{2}$ million tonnes of iron ore were estimated at Seshasamudram, Nedumanur and Poukkunam.

Under the All India Groundwater Exploration project detailed geohydrological studies were carried out in South Arcot district. Two areas have been recommended for groundwater development. One area is bounded by the Gadilam river on the north, the coast line on the east, the Vellar river on the south and line through Vriddachalam, Chettiteruvu and Panruti on the west. The second area is bounded by the Vellar river on the north, the Coleroon river on the south, a North North East-South