

(b) if so, the Soviet Government's reaction thereto?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) and (b). There have been general discussions with the Soviet authorities for assistance for the Fourth Five Year Plan and this matter is still in a preliminary stage.

कर-अपबन्धक

1005. श्री डा० ना० तिवारी : क्या वित्त मन्त्रा यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही के आय-कर आन्दोलन (डाइव) से पचास से साठ हजार कर बचाने वालों का पता लगा है ;

(ख) यदि हां तो उन में से कितने व्यक्तियों को आय-विवरण देने के नोटिस दिये गये थे ; और

(ग) उन से कितनी आय होने की संभावना है ?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) 6,11,794 new assesses have been discovered during the period from 1st January, 1964 to 31st December, 1964.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.

(c) This information cannot be known till all the assessments are completed.

Public Sector Undertakings

1006. **Shri Indrajit Gupta:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any noticeable improvement in the profits of the public sector companies during 1963-64; and

(b) the extent to which these compare with the average profitability of private sector companies?

The Minister of Finance (Shri T. T. Krishnamachari): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The comparison of the nature suggested is not feasible.

Problem of Small Towns

1007. { **Shri Hem Raj:**
Shri K. C. Pant:
Shri D. C. Sharma:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee set up by Government to study the problems of small towns in the hilly and border areas has since completed its report; and

(b) if so, the main recommendations/suggestions made therein and action taken thereon by Government?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) Yes. Copies of the Report are being placed in Parliament Library.

(b) The recommendations made by the Committee are given in the statement, laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library, see No. LT-3967/65].

The report has been forwarded to all the State Governments/Union Territories and the concerned Ministries of the Central Government for taking action on the recommendations with which they are concerned.

Opium Smuggling

1008. **Shri U. M. Trivedi:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a gang of smugglers belonging to Ujjain, who smuggled opium from a village near Neemuch in Mandsaur District, was recently arrested near Jabalpur; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in the matter?