

Utilization of PL 480 by Tourists

2507. **Shri Yashpal Singh:**
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Digvijay Nath:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are in a position to indicate the amount of foreign exchange lost during the last year as a result of the tourists being allowed to utilize PL 480 Funds; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) and (b). A sum Rs. 2.34 lakhs was utilised by the U.S. Embassy during the financial year 1966-67 out of PL 480 rupee accruals, for sale for dollars to U.S. tourists

Social Welfare Projects

2508. **Shri Yashpal Singh:**
Shri S. C. Samanta:

Will the Minister of Social Welfare be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no co-ordination amongst the social welfare projects assisted by the Central Social Welfare Board in the various States;

(b) if so, whether any assessment of the reasons underlying it has been made; and

(c) the action taken in the matter?

The Minister of State in the Department of Social Welfare (Shrimati Phulrenu Guha): (a) No.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Long Term "Term Assurance"

2509. **Shri Jyotirmoy Basu:**
Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have found out the cost of Long Term "Term Assurance";

(b) the countries where this Assurance is granted;

(c) the section (Income Group) of society usually going in for such policies in those foreign countries; and

(d) whether Government contemplate its introduction by the LIC?

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) No, Sir

(b) Precise information is not available with the Corporation but it is well known that practically all countries issue term assurances with the necessary safeguards as is being done by the Corporation

(c) Term assurances are quite common in group insurance business and all income groups are represented.

(d) The Corporation is already issuing "Term Assurances" under several plans.

Backward Districts of Rajasthan

2510. **Shri R. K. Birla:** Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Planning Commission to appoint an Enquiry Committee to look into the backwardness of Districts of Jhunjhunu and Sikar in Rajasthan on the pattern of the Patel Commission for Eastern Districts of UP;

(b) if so, the details thereof and when the Committee is expected to be set up; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

The Minister of Planning, Petroleum and Chemicals and Social Welfare (Shri Asoka Mehta): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) On the basis of the prescribed indicators of regional development, these two districts are not as backward, as some others in Rajasthan.