

through such Life Insurance Corporation loans, so far?

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Rs. 1,06,000/- have been sanctioned at Cuttack.

(c) Five houses are in various stages of construction.

Research Organisation to provide material for Finance Commission

2526. Shri Sidheshwar Prasad: Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that both the First and Second Finance Commissions had recommended for the setting up of a permanent research Organisation to collect and provide basic material for such Commission;

(b) if so, whether this recommendation has been implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). A small cell consisting of nucleus staff with experience of the work of the Finance Commission, set up as a result of the recommendation of the First Finance Commission, has been working in the Ministry of Finance. In addition different Units in the Ministry undertake statistical and other research work including the study of State Budget, State taxation and States resources for the Plan etc. It has not, therefore been considered necessary to have a separate additional research organisation for the purpose.

Financial assistance sought by Uttar Pradesh

**2527. Shri S. M. Banerjee:
Shri Madhu Limaye:**

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Uttar Pradesh have asked for some financial aid to meet the expenses in the drought-affected areas of U.P.; and

(b) if so, whether any financial aid has been given and the total amount given in 1966-67?

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. A total sum of Rs. 90 lakhs has been given so far towards drought relief expenditure in 1966-67.

Complaints Division in the Marketing Division of I. O. C.

**2528. Shri H. P. Chatterjee:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri D. K. Kunte:
Shri Yashpal Singh:**

Will the Minister of Petroleum and Chemicals be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any organisation in the Marketing Division of the Indian Oil Corporation for dealing with complaints from public;

(b) if not, whether such an organisation is going to be set up in the near future; and

(c) how it is proposed to enquire into the black-market or other corrupt practices by dealers or agents?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals and of Planning and Social Welfare (Shri Raghu Ramiah): (a) Yes, Sir. The Chief Vigilance Officer in the Head Office of the Marketing Division attends to such complaints.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The field staff of the Marketing Division investigate complaints of black marketing or other corrupt practices by dealers or agents of Indian Oil Corporation, under the direction of the Chief Vigilance Officer

Savings by Ministries

2529. **Shri S. R. Damani:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to lay a statement on the Table showing the amount surrendered as a result of savings by various Ministries during the financial year 1966-67 and the extent to which it has affected the efficiency of the departments?

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): The net amount of surrenders made by the various Ministries at the end of 1966-67 was of the order of Rs 110 crores. This does not, however, represent the final position which will be known only after the accounts for the year have been finally closed in October or so.

The Ministries review their requirements before making the surrenders and therefore, such action cannot affect efficiency.

The overall picture in so far as 1966-67 is concerned, was that the budgetary deficit was of the order of Rs 313 crores as against Rs. 350 crores anticipated in the Revised Estimates, as already indicated in the Budget Speech of 25th May, 1967.

Comparative living standards of people in India and China

2530. **Dr Karni Singh:**
Shrimati Nirlep Kaur:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative index of living standards of the people of India and China (Asia's two largest countries); and

(b) how India's living standards compare with Hungary and Poland?

The Minister of Planning, Petroleum and Chemicals and Social Welfare (Shri Asoka Mehta): (a) and (b) The relevant data required for comparing living standards between India, on the one hand, and China, Hungary and Poland, on the other, in a meaningful way, are not available.

Success of 'Loop' and 'Sterilisation' in U.P.

2531. **Dr. Karni Singh:**
Dr Mahadeva Prasad:

Will the Minister of Health and Family Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received reports on the spectacular success of 'loop' and 'sterilisation' in certain districts of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the detailed conduct of the programme and whether it could be made applicable to other parts of the country also with equal success?

The Minister of Health and Family Planning (Dr S. Chandrasekhar):

(a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha as soon as available.

Post-Graduate School in Rajasthan

2532. **Dr. Karni Singh:**
Shrimati Nirlep Kaur:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Planning Commission have recommended the establishment of a post-graduate school in natural resources development for Rajasthan.

(b) if so, whether the Planning Commission has received any proposals from the State Government on their recommendation; and