Payment of Benus to L.I.C. Employees

946. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that the bonus for the year 1975-76 payable to the Life Insurance Corporation Employees in the month of April, 1976, was not paid: and
- (b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL); (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The matter is under consideration.

Impounding of Aircraft belonging to Swami Dhirendra Brahmachari

947. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING be pleased to s'ate:

- (a) Whether Customs Department has recently seized the private three seater executive jet aircraft belonging to Swami Dhirendra Brahmachari if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that Swami Dhirendra Brahmachari has been leading a very luxurious life and if so, the estimated monthly expenses by Swami D. Brahmachari:
- (c) whether he had been paying any tax to the Government; and
 - (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) On 29-4-77, the Customs authorities at Delhi seized one Maule aeroplane M-5-235-C with accessories, imported from U.S.A. in the name of Aparna Ashram, Mantalai, District Udhampur, Jammu and Kash-

- rair by Shri Dhirendra Brahmachari, The seizure was made on the ground that the conditions governing the exemption from customs duty on the said aeroplane and accessories had been violated.
- (b) Lately, some reports about Swami Dhirendra Brahmachari's leading a luxurious life have appeared in the Press. No estimate has so far been made of his monthly expenses.
- (c) Yes, Sir. He has been paying income-tax.
 - (d) Does not arise.

Export of Cotton to Bangladesh

- 948. SHRI OM PRAKASH TYAGI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it has been decided to give 10,000 bales of cotton to Bangladesh; and
- (b) if so, the reasons for giving the same when the country itself is importing cotton?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a). Government had received some time back a request from the Government of Bangladesh for supply of 10,000 bales of raw cotton to help them tide over a temporary shortage of cotton for the mills. However, the Bangladesh Government themselves did not pursue that request.

(b). Does not arise.

Money advanced by Nationalised/ Non-Nationalised Banks to Maruti Ltd.

- 949. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING be pleased state:
- (a) the names of nationalised and non-nationalised banks who have advanced money to Maruti Ltd. during the last three years;