

**Loss Suffered by ESIC**

3882. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Employees State Insurance Corporation suffered a loss of Rs. 2.32 crores in 1983-84 and it is also expected to go upto Rs. 11.68 crores during 1984-85;

(b) if so, the main factors responsible for the losses;

(c) whether Maharashtra Government have represented to the Corporation to do away with the ceiling on expenditure on medical care; and

(d) if so, reaction of Central Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH) : (a) The revenue deficit for the year 1983-84 was Rs. 2.31 crores and the estimated deficit as per the revised estimates for 1984-85 was Rs. 11.67 crores.

(b) The main reasons for the deficit were:

i) Decrease in contribution income due to exclusion of covered employees drawing wages beyond Rs. 1000/- per month;

ii) Increase in expenditure on medical benefit consequent upon increase in the cost of medicines and services; and

iii) Increase in expenditure on payment of cash benefits.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra had represented to the Central Government in November, 1983 for doing away with the ceiling on expenditure on medical care.

(d) The request for doing away with the ceiling could not be agreed to. However, the Corporation had issued order in December, 1983 raising the ceiling on expenditure on full medical care from Rs. 120/- to Rs. 130/- per employee per annum and the ceil-

ing on expenditure on drugs and medicine by Rs. 5/- with retrospective effect from 1-4-1983.

**Import of Seed Processing Plants**

3883. SHRI S.G. GHOLAP : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to import some Seed Processing Plants; if so, how many and for which States; and

(b) whether Seed Corporation of Maharashtra has decided to launch a new project for production of vegetable seeds; if so, the particulars of the projects ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) No Sir. The Government of India has no proposal at the moment for the import of Seed Processing Plants.

(b) Yes Sir. Maharashtra State Seeds Corporation has launched a project for vegetable seed production from kharif '84 on trial basis. The aim of the project is to meet the bulk of vegetable seed requirement of Maharashtra.

**Bread Production by Modern Bakeries**

3884. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the bread produced by the Modern Bakeries is supplied only in the Capital city;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase its production;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Company has any proposal to set up a unit in Kerala; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH) : (a) Modern Food Industries (India) Limited (for-