

— Greater emphasis is being given to increased production of fuel-wood, fodder and grasses.

Life Insurance Corporation Buildings in Metro Towns

4233. SHRI SALEEM I. SHERVANI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Life Insurance Corporation buildings in Metro towns with floor area under occupancy by LIC itself by its offices, by LIC staff in service, by LIC staff after retirement and by relations of LIC staff who have no connection with LIC as tenants; and

(b) the reasons for keeping these buildings under occupancy by the relations of the erstwhile LIC staff ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) and (b). The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Expansion of Operations by Grindlays Bank

4234. DR. B. L. SHAILESH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Grindlays Bank is trying to expand its area of operation;

(b) if so, in which direction and whether it would involve opening of more Branches in the country;

(c) whether the bank proposes to launch an ambitious \$ 15 million capital fund for non-resident Indians;

(d) if so, where the fund is likely to be based; and

(e) whether it is proposed to be utilised in India and if so, in what manner ?

THE MINISTER ON STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY) : (a) to (e).

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that Grindlays Bank p.l.c. has not submitted any proposals for opening of additional branches in India. However, Grindlays Bank p.l.c., as part of their plan to expand their merchant banking activities, have submitted certain proposals to RBI which would include formation of subsidiaries, creation of Indian investment fund, etc. RBI has reported that it has not taken any final decision on these proposals.

Schemes for Welfare of Tribals

4235. SHRI HARIHAR SOREN : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some new schemes are proposed to be implemented for the welfare of the tribals; and

(b) if so, what are those schemes and the amount earmarked towards implementing those schemes ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) From the year 1986-87 Tribal Sub-Plan strategy has been extended to cover clusters with 5000 total population and 50% or more tribal concentration therein and to tribals outside the specific project areas. During the year 1986-87 Special Central Assistance provided for this purpose was Rs. 3199 lakhs. Rs. 1250 lakhs has been provisionally earmarked to supplement the State Plan efforts in this regard during 1987-88.

Guidelines for Raising of Euro-Currency Loan by Private Sector Companies

4236. DR. B. L. SHAILESH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any guidelines have been laid down by Government about the raising of Eurocurrency loans by private sector companies if so, the details thereof;

(b) the check, if any exercised over the proper spending of these loans, the payment of interest thereon and its repayment; and