

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI): (a) Yes, Sir. The business growth of the Life Insurance Corporation of India in Orissa has registered a rise of 41.2% as on 31.3.1988 as against the corresponding figure as on 31.3.1987 on sum proposed basis.

(b) The total collection as reflected by the premium income is Rs. 26.19 crores upto 29.2.1988 as against Rs. 17.97 crores as on 28.2.1987, showing a rise of 45.7%.

(c) Yes, Sir. The number of agents has gone up to 3,951 as on 31.3.1987 from 3,218 as on 31.3.1986, registering an increase of 22.8%.

(d) The investments of LIC in the State of Orissa were of the order of Rs. 212.68 crores as on 31.3.1987, in the form of State Government securities, other approved securities, and loans to various organisations, shares and debentures of Companies including loans to Companies.

#### **Marketing of Indian goods by Singapore**

7129. SHRI RADHAKANTA DIGAL:  
SHRI GOPALA KRISHNA  
THOTA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Singapore has offered its services to market Indian goods;

(b) whether is it a part of boosting Indo-Singapore economic ties;

(c) if so, whether Government have examined the proposal made by Singapore in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI. NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) No such offer has been received.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

#### **Trade with Sweden**

7130. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking steps to expand bilateral trade with Sweden;

(b) if so, the areas on which bilateral trade has been established with that country; and

(c) the areas identified for expansion of Indo-Swedish trade?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) to (c). It is always Government's endeavour to increase bilateral trade keeping in view particularly the country's interest to increase its exports.

India's exports to Sweden mainly comprise of traditional consumer goods like textiles, handicrafts, and leather goods, whereas Sweden's exports to India are generally high-value items like capital goods, iron and steel, and other manufactured goods.

Some of the selected Indian products for which it is proposed to lend an export thrust include sea foods, furnishings and made-ups, garments and carpets, jewellery, leather goods, and engineering components and ancillaries.

#### **Division of Life Insurance Corporation**

7131. SHRI DAULATSINHJI JADEJA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to