

(ख) चालू व्यापार का मूल्य कितना है; और

(ग) कितने मूल्य के व्यापार की अवधि पूरी हो गई ?

बिना तथा राजस्व और बैंकिंग मन्त्री (श्री इ.च. एम. पटेल) : (क) पिछले दस वर्षों में जीवन बीमा निगम ने जो नया व्यापार किया उसका ब्योरा इस प्रकार है :

वर्ष	(करोड़ रुपए) बीमे की रकम
1967-68	844
1968-69	929
1969-70	1036
1970-71	1303
1971-72	1640
1972-73	2075
1973-74	2586
1974-75	3112
1975-76	5385
1976-77	5119

(ख) 31-3-1977 को चालू व्यापार में बीमे और बोनस की रकम 17942 करोड़ रुपए थी।

(ग) 1976-77 के दौरान दावों/मृत्यु और परिपक्वता की रकम 174 करोड़ रुपए थी।

Import of Jute Fibre at Current International Price

4279. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND COOPERATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to meet the shortage within the country, the Government are considering to import Jute Fibre, at the current international price;

(b) if so, whether some of the jute Mills have shown willingness to purchase the same without Government subsidising the price;

(c) if so, the names of those mills; and

(d) the quantity expected to be imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ARIF BEG): (a) to (d). Jute Corporation of India have been authorised to import raw jute from available sources on the basis of firm indents placed by the consuming mills.

So far only two jute mills, General Industrial Society Limited and Nelli-merla Jute Mills have placed indents with the Jute Corporation for a total quantity of 15,000 bales of Bangladesh cuttings.

New Economic Policy on Development of Agriculture

4280. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for new Economic Policy emphasising on development of agriculture on the priority basis is being framed by the Government;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that Industrialists have shown adverse reaction; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND REVENUE AND BANKING (SHRI H. M. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Fears have been expressed in certain quarters that greater emphasis on agriculture may have adverse effects on investment in the industrial sector, particularly in the case of capital intensive and mass production industries. These fears are unfounded as agricultural and industrial development, being twin elements of the overall programmes for economic development, supplement and complement each other.