

**Suggestion Regarding Working of L.I.C.**

**4546. SHRI BAPUSAHEB PARULKAR:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an M.P. has paid a visit to the Divisional Office of Life Insurance Corporation at Nagpur, Maharashtra in the first week of November, 1980 and made number of suggestions in regard to the working of L.I.C. at large and also with respect to the benefits of policy-holders;

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken on each of the suggestions made; and

(c) if no action is taken so far, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI MAGANBHAI BAROT): (a) The Hon'ble Shri R. K. Mhalgi, MP paid a visit to the LIC's Divisional Office at Nagpur on 5th November, 1980, and during discussion with the Divisional Manager made, inter alia, the following suggestions:—

(i) The number of branch offices in the Division should be increased to about 30 in the next five years and each district should have 3 or 4 branch offices.

(ii) The public relations effort of the Divisional Office should be improved. For this purpose a Public Relations Officer should be appointed and contacts with opinion leaders should be maintained. At the national level also efforts should be made to build up the image of the LIC.

(iii) Names of members of the Policyholders' Council of the Division should be published frequently.

(b) and (c). The suggestions are being examined by the LIC.

**Number of SC|ST Employees in Head Office of H.S.L. in Delhi and its Branch Offices**

**4557. SHRI RAM SINGH SHAKYA:** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees separately serving in the head office of Hindustan Steel Limited in New Delhi and its branch offices;

(b) the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and women employees separately working in the New Delhi Branch Office of the undertaking;

(c) the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes who applied for appointment in Hindustan Steel Limited the number of those interviewed and the number of those who were offered employment; and

(d) whether the number of employees of this category is sufficient in all pay scales according to the reservation quota fixed for them by Government?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND STEEL AND MINES (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): There is no Head Office of Hindustan Steel Limited in Delhi. Presumably the reference is to the Zonal Office of the erstwhile HSL in Delhi and its branches. This office is presently called the office of the Chief, Northern Region, Central Marketing Organisation of Steel Authority of India Limited. On this presumption, the requisite information is furnished below:—

(a) The number of employees in the offices of Chief, Northern Region, Zonal Manager and Branch Manager at New Delhi is 31 and number of employees in the Branch Sales Offices (four in number) is 106.

(b) The number of Scheduled Caste employees, Scheduled Tribe employees and women employees in Branch Sales Office, New Delhi is 7, 3 and 7 respectively.

(c) During 1960, only one post of messenger in Delhi Office was filled up and the candidate who was appoint-

ed on compassionate grounds belongs to the Scheduled Caste. Details of persons belonging to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe who applied for employment in respect of other Branch Sales Offices under the Northern Zone during the year 1960 are given below:—

Branch Sales Office	Post filled	No. of applica- tions received from		No. of candida- tes interviewed		No of offers issued	
		S.C.	S.T.	S.C.	S.T.	S.C.	S.T.
Ghaziabad	Asstt.	51	138	..	53	..	1
	Asstt.	4	..	2	..	1	..
Faridabad	Durwan	100	111	..	54	..	1
Agra	Asstt.	41	138	..	53	..	1
Gwalior	Asstt.	51	138	..	53	..	1
	Messenger/Durwan	26	4	9	1	1	1

(d) In view of the fact that employees in Central Marketing Organisation of SAIL are liable to transfer to different branches in SAIL, the number of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe employees in a branch would vary from time to time.

#### Indian Trade Exhibitions Organised Abroad

4548. SHRI K. MALLANNA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details regarding the Indian Exhibitions which took place abroad exclusively organised by the Government of India, country-wise, during the last three years; and

(b) what are the details regarding the amount of foreign exchange earned through these Exhibitions, yearly and country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI  
KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a)  
and (b). A statement is attached.