

Life Insurance Corporation

148. **Shri Anrudh Sinha.** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state

(a) the average time taken by the Oriental Government Security Life Assurance Company Limited in settling death claims during the two years preceding the date of nationalisation of insurance industry, and

(b) the average time taken in settling death claims arising between the 1st September 1956 to the 31st of August, 1958 under policies issued by the Oriental prior to nationalisation of insurance industry?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai) (a) 10 months and 6 days

(b) 12 months, 16 days

Export of Melting Scrap

149. **Shri P. R. Patel.** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to state

(a) the annual tonnage of melting scrap exported and the amount of foreign exchange earned during 1952 to the 30th October, 1958, year wise, and

(b) whether the scrap Traders and Exporters Association has estimated the present melting scrap arising to over a million tons and what is the Government's estimate?

The Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel (Sardar Swaran Singh). (a) A statement showing the tonnage and value of scrap exported is laid on the Table of the House [See Appendix I, annexure No 40]

(b) It is true that the Scrap Traders and Exporters Association have estimated the present melting scrap arisings to be over a million tons, but estimate made by the Saxena Committee is only about 4,00,000 tons at present.

Naga Hostiles

150. { **Shrimati Mafda Ahmed:**
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shri V. C. Shukla:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that hostile Nagas have resumed activities on the Manipur border and killed one sepoy of the 4th Assam Rifles in the first week of October, 1958, and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to comb out the hostile gangs from the hideouts in the hills?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Pandit G. B. Pant): (a) and (b) A sepoy of the Fourth Battalion of the Assam Rifles was fatally injured on the 1st October 1958 near Village Kalhang. The case is under investigation. There has been some activity on the part of the Naga hostiles in Manipur recently. Necessary steps have been taken to comb out the affected areas.

Posts of Secretaries in Ministries

151 { **Shri Mohammed Imam:**
Shri Jadhav:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state

(a) the number of Secretaries, Additional Secretaries and Joint Secretaries in each Ministry of the Government of India in the years 1956-57, 1957-58 and 1958-59 as at present

(b) the number of Joint Secretaries promoted as Additional Secretaries during each of these years, and

(c) the number of posts of Joint Secretaries created in each Ministry during the above years?

The Minister in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Datar): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix I, annexure No 41]