

(c) The special pay is fixed on the basis of the monthly average amount of actual cash disbursements during a period of at-least six months. It is not fixed with reference to the number of staff to whom the cash is disbursed.

(d) The scales are as stated in (b) above.

Appointment of New Finance Commission

233. { Shri P. C. Borooah:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to appoint a new Finance Commission in the near future?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): The proposal is under consideration.

M.E.S. Employees

234. **Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 1252 on the 2nd April, 1960 and state:

(a) whether the arrears of increments have been paid to 206 M.E.S. employees; and

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay?

The Minister of Defence (Shri Krishna Menon): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The bills for payment of arrears to the employees are at present under the scrutiny of the audit authorities and payment is expected to be made shortly.

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

235. { Shri Halder:
Shri Nagi Reddy:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state the amount spent

upto March, 1960 for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (separately) out of the sum allotted during the Second Five Year Plan?

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (Shrimati Alva): The actual expenditure incurred during the year 1959-60 has not yet been reported by the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The estimated expenditure upto March 1960 i.e. actuals for the years 1956-57 to 1958-59 and anticipated expenditure for the year 1959-60 for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is Rs. 20.30 crores and Rs. 28.82 crores respectively.

Life Insurance Business in Orissa Division

236. **Dr. Samantsinhar:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount and number of life insurance proposals made in the Orissa Division of the Life Insurance Corporation in 1959;

(b) how many proposals are finally accepted and the total amount of insurance in that year;

(c) the number of policies that are continuing and the year-wise percentage of lapses in that division;

(d) the number of premium receipts pending adjustment; and

(e) the average time taken for the adjustment of premium receipts?

The Minister of Finance (Shri Morarji Desai): (a) 16,143 proposals for an amount of Rs. 5.74 crores were received by the Cuttack Division of the Corporation in the Orissa State.

(b) 15,850 proposals for Rs. 5.61 crores, including 302 proposals for 0.10 crores from 1958 account, were accepted and 14,374 proposals for Rs. 5.10 crores were completed.

(c) Information is not available.

(d) Information is not available.

(e) About 1 to 7 days.