Messrs. Skoda (India) Private Limited

*71. Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:
Shri D. D. Puri:
Shri P. R. Chakraverti:
Shri Hari Vishnu Kamath:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 401 on the 5th December, 1963 and state:

- (a) whether investigation against Messrs. Skoda (India) Private Limited, an East European firm has since been completed;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the office of the Trade Commissioner of Czechoslovakia was searched in this connection and some papers have been seized; and
- (c) whether any action has been taken against the firm or any other persons connected with this affair?

The Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Finance (Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha): (a) The investigation is proceeding.

- (b) The office of the Czechoslovak
 Trade Commissioner was not searched.
 However, certain documents belonging to Messrs. Skoda (India) Private Ltd., Bombay, which had been kept in the office of the Trade Commissioner, were handed over by the Company to the Bombay Customs authorities.
 - (c) Show-cause notices have been issued by the Calcutta Customs authorities, in respect of certain alleged offences by the Company and two of its officials and Messrs. India Refractories Ltd. and one of its officials.

Family Planning Day

•72. Shri D. C. Sharma:
Shrimati Savitri Nigam:

Will the Minister of Health be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Family Planning Day was observed during December, 1963, throughout the country;
- (b) if so, the broad features thereof;
- (c) the total amount spent on the 'Family Planning Day' celebrations;
- (d) the steps taken to make Family Planning more effective throughout the country on a national basis?

The Minister of Health (Dr. Sushila Nayar): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). A statement containing the required information is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2272/64].

Experimental Housing Assessment Committee

*73. { Shri N. R. Laskar: Shri Ramachandra Ulaka: Shri Subodh Hansda:

Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has constituted an Experimental Housing Assessment Committee for urban areas only; and
- (b) if so, the nature and functions of the Committee?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Rehabilitation (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2273/64].

सःमाज्ञिक सुरक्षा

*७४. ्रश्ची सिद्धेश्वर प्रसाद : श्ची हरिश्चन्द्र माथर :

क्या वित्त मंत्री २८ नवम्बर, १६६३ के तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या २५६ के उत्तर के सम्बन्ध में यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि: