

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4075
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2002
INSURANCE OF LOWER INCOME GROUP
JAIBHAN SINGH PAWAYA

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Life Insurance Corporation has launched any new scheme for the people belonging to lower income group during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Life Insurance Corporation is doing good business under these schemes; and
- (d) if so, the amount spent by the Life Insurance Corporation for the welfare of the poor people during the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE):

(a) and (b) No, Sir. However, they are running the existing Social Security Group Schemes on behalf of the Government. The details of the schemes are as follows:

(i) Janashree Bima Yojana (JBY) provides Rs.20,000 on natural death, Rs. 50,000 on death/total permanent disability due to accident and Rs. 25,000 on partial permanent disability due to accident to the people belonging to below poverty line families and also to marginally above the poverty line provided they belong to an identified occupational group. The persons in the age group 18-59 years are eligible on payment of a total premium of Rs. 200 out of which Rs. 100 is borne out of the Social Security Fund (SSF). The insurance cover ceases on attaining age 60 years. The Government and LIC have approved 40 occupational groups/areas for eligibility for payment of premium subsidy.

(ii) Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana (KSSSY) commenced on 1.7.2001, provides a periodical lumpsum survival benefit at the interval of 10 years and a minimum pension of Rs. 100 per month on attainment of age 60 years in addition to the benefit available under JBY to the agricultural workers in the age group 18 to 50. The member has to contribute Re.1 per day and the Government pays Rs. 2 per day per worker.

(iii) Shiksha Sahayog Yojana (SSY), commenced on 31.12.2001, supplements the benefits under JBY by providing a scholarship of Rs. 100 per month to the maximum of the two children of member of JBY studying in 9th to 12th standard. No premium is to be paid either by the member or the beneficiary for availing the benefit of scholarship. However, the premium for JBY is to be paid as above.

(iv) Social Security Group Insurance Scheme (SSG IS) provides an insurance cover of Rs. 5,000/- on natural death, Rs. 25,000/- on death/total permanent disability due to accident, Rs. 12,500/- on partial permanent disability due to accident to persons belonging to weaker and vulnerable sections of the society in the age group 18-59 years. Out of the total premium of Rs. 50/-, 50% premium is borne out of SSF. The Central Government approved 24 occupational groups/ areas for eligibility of premium subsidy.

(c) The performance (provisional) during the year 2001-2002 is as below:

(i) Under JBY 8,19,012 lives were insured whereunder a premium income of around Rs.16 crore was collected. 4,309 claims for an amount of Rs. 8.78 crore were settled.

(ii) Under KSSSY, 1,01,209 lives were insured whereunder a premium income around Rs. 9.98 crore was collected.

(iii) Under SSY 765 scholarships for Rs. 6 lakhs approx. were disbursed.

(iv) Under SSGIS 41,90,729 lives were insured whereunder a premium income of Rs. 13.24 crore was collected. 36,862 claims for Rs. 14.77 crore were paid.

(d) A part of the premium for the poor people in the above schemes is subsidised out of the SSF.

The total amount spent out of SSF during 2001-2002 on this count is Rs. 23.91 crores (Provisional).