

(b) The figures of Income-tax arrears written off are maintained according to the financial year. The following amounts were written off in the financial years 1962-63 to 1966-67:—

1962-63	Rs. 4,39,91,353
1963-64	Rs. 1,60,37,681
1964-65	Rs. 97,47,072
1965-66	Rs. 37,65,004
1966-67	Rs. 9,10,152

(upto 31-7-1966)

Freezing of Ex-Factory Prices of Manufactured Articles

*678. Shri Bal Raj Madhok:
Shri A. B. Vajpayee:
Shri Shri Chand Goel:
Shri Yajna Datt Sharma:
Shri Jagannath Rao Joshi:
Shri Hardya Devgun:
Shri R. S. Vidyarthi:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently examined the possibility of freezing the ex-factory prices of manufactured articles of essential consumption for one year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri K. C. Pant): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Lapse of Life Insurance Corporation Policies

*679. Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri H. N. Mukerjee:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the annual figures for lapse of Life Insurance Corporation policies is on the increase; and

(b) if so, the steps taken, if any, to assess the amount of loss incurred by the Life Insurance Corporation due to

this and also the bonus and surrender value to the policy-holders?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Shri K. C. Pant): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The overall lapse ratio has declined from 8.2 per cent in 1963-64 to 7.2 per cent in 1965-66. Nevertheless the Corporation is endeavouring to reduce further the lapses which must be considered as still high.

Taking an overall view lapses do not cause a loss to the Corporation.

Transport Survey

*680. Shri R. Ba uia: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey of transport conducted by the Committee appointed by the Planning Commission is complete;

(b) if so, when the report will be laid on the Table; and

(c) whether the Committee made any survey region-wise also and suggested any improvements?

The Minister of Planning, Petroleum and Chemicals and Social Welfare (Shri Asoka Mehta): (a) to (c). The transportation studies undertaken by the Joint Technical Group for Transport Planning which has been set up jointly by the Planning Commission and the Ministries of Railways and Transport remain in progress and have reached an advanced stage. The transport studies include investigations pertaining to major commodities and regional transport surveys. Reports on the various studies including the specific recommendations relating to planning and development of transport emerging from these studies, are expected to be ready by December, 1967.

Domestic Power for Government Quarters in Delhi

*681. Shri Kartik Oraon: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that domestic power has not been provided in