

(b) and (c). An advance of Rs. 7.36 crores for clearing the arrears in respect of interest on loans given to the State Government for providing capital to the Damodar Valley Corporation has already been agreed to. As regards the rest, the State Government have been advised to clear the dues in suitable instalments in the current year.

**Tariff Commission Report regarding  
Prices of Drugs and Medicines**

\*27. SHRI ESWARA REDDY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3739 on the 18th August, 1969 and state :

(a) whether the Tariff Commission's report on drugs and other medicines has since been considered by Government; and

(b) if so, the decision taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND MINES AND METALS (SHRI D. R. CHAVAN) : (a) No, Sir. It is still under consideration.

(b) Does not arise.

**Construction of Houses for Lower Income  
Groups from L.I.C. income**

\*28. SHRI RAMAVATAR SHASTRI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to invest 5 per cent of the income from Life Insurance Corporation premia to construct houses for the lower income groups; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) and (b). While no such specific proposal is under consideration of Government, LIC has been assisting in the

development of housing facilities for different sections, including the lower income groups, through various loan programmes. The following are the different categories of loans now given :—

- (i) Loans to individual policy-holders under 'Own Your Home Scheme'.
- (ii) Mortgage loans for construction of new houses.
- (iii) Loans to Apex cooperative building societies.
- (iv) Loans to joint stock companies for providing housing to their staff.
- (v) Loans to cooperative societies formed by employees of the LIC.
- (vi) Loans to State Governments for purposes of housing.

**जीवन बीमा निगम की निधियों का उपयोग**

\*29. श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जीवन बीमा के राष्ट्रीयकरण होने के बाद जीवन बीमा निगम की निधियों में से कितनी राशि प्रति वर्ष किसानों, छोटे उद्योगों तथा समाज के कमजोर वर्गों के लिये उपयोग में लाई गई, किस प्रकार से उनका उपयोग किया गया और कितने प्रतिशत राशि का इस प्रयोजन के लिये उपयोग किया गया ;

(ख) क्या जनसाधारण को राहत पहुंचाने के लिये बीमे की प्रीमियम की दरों को घटाने का निर्णय किया गया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्योरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो इतने अधिक विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं ?

पूति मंत्रालय और वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री र० के० खाडिलकर) : (क) कोई आँकड़े देना संभव नहीं है क्योंकि जीवन बीमा