

Shri Hukam Chand
Kachhavaia:
Shri Yudhvir Singh:
Shri Bade:

Will the Minister of **Irrigation and Power** be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high-level inter-State Conference was held in January in Delhi to review the progress of flood control measures in Delhi and the adjoining States;

(b) the measures agreed upon at the above Conference to prevent these floods as a joint venture; and

(c) whether steps have been taken to instal flood forecasting equipment to get early flood warning reports?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Dr. K. L. Rao): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library, see No. LT-4197/65].

(c) A scheme for this purpose is under consideration.

L.I.C. Policies

***900. Dr. L. M. Singhvi:** Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

(a) whether lapses of Life Insurance policies have shown tendency towards increase in the last five years; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken or proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

The Minister of Planning (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) The overall lapse ratio of the Corporation increased from 6.0 per cent in 1959 to 8.1 per cent during the period 1-1-1962 to 31-3-1963 and to 8.2 per cent during the year 1963-64.

(b) The reason is that while new business rose from Rs. 429.17 crores in 1959 to Rs. 745.96 crores during the period 1-1-1962 to 31-3-1963, the quality on the whole was poorer. The Corporation has been taking various steps from time to time with a view

to reducing lapses. Some of the important steps are greater stress on the qualitative aspect of new business introduced, revival of lapsed policies by payment of arrears of premium instalments and refusal to issue a fresh policy to a proponent, unless the policies lapsed by him in the preceeding three years are revived.

Counterfeit Indian Currency Notes

*901. { Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Raghunath Singh:
Shrimati Renuka
Barkataki:

Will the Minister of **Finance** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Counterfeit Indian Currency notes of high denomination believed to have been printed in China have been seized in some North Indian cities and Calcutta also;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter; and

(c) the number of persons held in this connection?

The Minister of Planning (Shri B. R. Bhagat): (a) to (c). Enquiries so far made do not reveal any facts to support the allegations made in certain press reports that Counterfeit Indian Currency notes printed in China have been circulating in this country.

Smallpox and Cholera in Rajasthan

2269. { Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:

Will the Minister of **Health** be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who suffered from small-pox and cholera in Rajasthan during the last four months;

(b) the number of deaths due to the above diseases in the State during the same period; and