

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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LIC INSURANCE COVERAGE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Public Sector Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has increased insurance coverage area since the entrance of the private sector in the field particularly in rural areas; and

(b) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM

(a) & (b): The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) have informed that they have increased the insurance coverage in the rural areas since the entrance of the private sector in the field. Details of new policies of LIC, including rural business for the last three years are given below:

Financial Year	Total Business	Rural Business	% of rural business to total business
2001-2002	2,32,49,651	37,80,004	16.26%
2002-2003	2,45,29,946	45,46,148	18.53%
2003-2004	2,69,51,919	61,73,960	22.91%