

Physical Training Shoes for Police Force

2391. Shri S. K. Tapuriah:
Shri D. N. Patodia:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Physical Training Shoes had not been issued to Andaman and Nicobar Police Force for more than a year during the period of previous Superintendent of Police and Reserve Inspector but shown as issued in the accounts; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to investigate the matter and take action against the persons responsible for this?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Vidya Charan Shukla): (a) No such discrepancy has come to notice.

(b) Does not arise.

Chinese Poacher Boats captured in Andaman and Nicobar Sea

2392. Shri K. R. Ganesh: Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Chinese poacher boats captured in Andaman and Nicobar sea since 1958;

(b) the number of captured boats which were later on released and the number of those confiscated;

(c) the number of confiscated boats having refrigerators and how such refrigerators were disposed of;

(d) the number of such boats lying unused in the dockyard; and

(e) the reasons for such confiscated boats lying unused?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Vidya Charan Shukla): (a) Three such boats have been captured.

(b) Out of the three boats one was released, one was confiscated and

the case of the remaining one which was captured recently is under investigation.

(c) The confiscated boat had no refrigerator.

(d) and (e). The confiscated boat was disposed of by public auction as the condition of the boat was beyond economic repairs and no spare parts to be used in this boat were available in India.

Expenditure on maintenance of Monuments

2393. Shri S. A. Agadi: Will the Minister of Education be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent under different heads including the salaries of permanent chowkidars for the maintenance and preservation of protected monuments in the country, State-wise and year-wise since 1950 with number of monuments in each State; and

(b) the number of Chowkidars appointed for the purpose?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education (Shri Bhagwat Jha Azad): (a) and (b). It is very difficult to collect this information because: (i) Accounts for 17 years have to be gone into in great detail to cull out the information;

(ii) The Survey's Organisation is divided into Circles which are not coterminous with States, and expenditure figures are therefore available Circle-wise and it is not possible to separate them State-wise;

(iii) The States' boundaries have also undergone several changes during the last 17 years due to more than one reorganisation;

(iv) The number of monuments has also been changing due to reviews and deprotection of some monuments, and addition of new monuments to the protected list.