

(b) whether wages and other concessions applicable to the Andaman Labour Force Stevedoring Gang are being given to them;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) if so, the rates of wages and other concessions?

The Minister of Transport and Shipping (Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao): (a) The Nicobarese are engaged in stevedoring work only in Car Nicobar. Their number depends on the volume of work on each day. Generally one hundred to one hundred and fifty labourers are employed when a ship is in Port.

(b) and (c). Wages and other concessions agreed to by the tribal chiefs in Car Nicobar are being given to the Nicobarese stevedore workers. They do not get the pay and other concessions applicable to the Andaman Labour Force stevedore workers, as their conditions of work are different and they are not paid regular time scale of pay as drawn by the Andaman Labour Force stevedore workers.

(d) Does not arise.

#### Stock of Timber in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

3026. Shri R. K. Sinha: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of timber stock piled at present in various Departments and mill-yards of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) the quantity of timber shipped to the mainland during 1966-67;

(c) whether an offer was made by a private firm in October, 1966 to the Andaman Administration for the purchase of 2,000 tons of timber at f.o.b. price at Port Blair;

(d) whether the offer was accepted; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Community Development and Cooperation (Shri Anasahib Shinde): (a) A total quantity of 11,093 tons of timber was stock-piled at the end of May, 1967, in various Depots and mill yards of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

(b) A quantity of 15,283 tons of timber was shipped to the main land during 1966-67.

(c) to (e). No offer for purchase of 2000 tons of timber at f.o.b. price at Port Blair was made by any private firm in October, 1966. However, an offer for purchase of certain species of timber, viz. Gurjan, Pandauk and a small quantity of other ply logs upto a total quantity of 2000 tons at f.o.b. rates was received in January, 1967, from Messrs. Vaid and Sons, Calcutta. Their offer was not accepted mainly on the ground that this firm is not entitled to ply logs at f.o.b. rates. The firm was informed by the Chief Commissioner, Andaman Administration to obtain its requirements, if necessary, by competing in the open auctions conducted in the Andaman Government Timber Depots at Calcutta and Madras.

भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान केन्द्र, पूसा (बिहार)  
में कीटनाशक बचाव, का नए प्रयोग

3027. श्री अर्जुन सिंह महारिया :  
क्या साध तथा कृषि मंत्री यह बात ने की कृपा  
करें कि

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय  
कृषि अनुसंधान केन्द्र, पूसा (बिहार) में  
पैदा होने वाले घात का प्रयोग बीज के  
रूप में न हो कर साध के रूप में किया जा  
रहा है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि बिहार के  
अनुसंधान केन्द्र में संकर मक्का की बीजों  
के लिये उस समय किये जा रहे कीटनाशक  
बचावों के नए प्रयोग के कारण इस बी-