

ment to the offenders in cases of atrocities and denial of civil rights. The attention of the State Governments is being drawn again to these measures for suitable implementation.

The question of reactivation of the National Integration Council for dealing with tendencies that strike at the root of national solidarity is under consideration.

Shortage of Coir Fibre and Coir Yarn

145. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of coir fibre, and coir yarn, particularly in the Southern States; and

(b) if so, the efforts Government propose to make in this regard to make the availability of coir fibre and coir yarn in the small scale coir manufacturing units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI CHARANJIT CHANANA): (a) and (b). Government have received representation regarding difficulties in coir fibre/yarn availability in the market. The matter is being examined in consultation with the Coir Board and the Government of Kerala.

Attacks made by Jerawas

146. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the 'Jerawas' made several attacks on villages, Bush Police Camp and Forest Camps in Andaman and Nicobar Islands during last three years up to date; if so, the details of such attacks;

(b) the total number of casualties during such attacks;

(c) how many Government servants on duty were killed and injured and whether Government granted any financial assistance to the victims and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what are the proposals to safeguard the lives and properties of the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (d). In the past three years, the Jerawas have not attacked any village, Bush Police Camps and Forest Camps in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. However, they attacked such individuals as entered their reserves for hunting or other purposes. The details of such incidents are as follows:—

Year	Incidents	Nos. killed	Nos. injured	Abducte
1977	4	7	1	..
1978	6	4	5	..
1979	1	1
1980 (to date)	3	2	2	1

In 1979 they also stole certain things such as clothes, cooking utensils and iron implements once each from the Bush Police Camp and Forest Camp.

2. Thus the total number of casualties to date is 14. Five each of those killed and injured and one abducted

person were Government servants. Benefits as admissible under rules to Government servants dying in harness are given. Rs. 250/- had also been sanctioned as immediate relief to the family of the abducted Government Servant. It has also been decided to allot a house site and give employ-