

(c) the effective measures being taken to check such intrusions by foreign ships?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Two fishing trawlers belonging to Thailand; with 33 persons on board; were apprehended by a Naval ship in the North Andamans on the 31st March 1981.

(c) The force-level of Naval ships in Andaman & Nicobar Islands is being further augmented. In addition some aircraft are also being stationed in this area for carrying out maritime reconnaissance.

Streamlining of Statistical Operations

9184. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a broad strategy to strengthen and streamline statistical operations right from the district and lower levels to meet the needs of planning and policy-making was chalked out at the meeting of State Ministers and Statistics held in the capital early this month;

(b) whether a decision was taken to set up a National Advisory Board on Statistics (NABS); if so, its likely composition and functions and when it is likely to come into being; and

(c) how far this Board will impinge on the existing functions of the Central Statistical Organisation and National Sample Survey Organisation?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND LABOUR (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Conference recommended that the composition and detailed working procedure of NABS should be suggested by a small group to be constituted for the purpose. Action to set up NABS can be taken up after the report of the Group

which is yet to be set up, becomes available.

(c) Since the National Advisory Board is yet to be constituted, this question does not arise at present. It is not expected that the functioning of the Board should ordinarily impinge on the existing functions of the Central Statistical Organisation and the National Sample Survey Organisation.

Career Planning Committee

9185. SHRI ANWAR AHMAD:
SHRI RAJESH PILOT:
SHRI MOHD. ASRAR
AHMAD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Career Planning Committee for civilians in I.A.F. has recommended uniformity in the grade structure; and

(b) whether fair opportunities have been provided to civilians and time scale promotions recommended at par with the combatants (airmen)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) and (b). An inhouse Committee constituted by Air Headquarters looked into career prospects of the civilians in the I.A.F. and have made some recommendations to improve their career prospects. There is no one-to-one correspondents between the ranks of combatants and civilians in I.A.F. and uniformity or comparison in grade structure between the two categories has not been attempted. Time scale promotions for civilians have not been recommended.