

(Nationalisation) Act, 1974 has awarded a sum of Rs. 4,80,000/- towards ESI dues and for the balance amount, the Corporation has filed an appeal in the Court. The information in respect of EPF dues is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha shortly.

#### Study on Naval Might in Indian Ocean

1554. SHRI R. R. BHOLE;  
SHRI MADHAVRAO  
SCINDIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any study based on classified and declassified materials of comparative naval might of USA and U.S.S.R. in the Indian Ocean;

(b) if so, the number of shipdays of U.S.A. Navy in this region during the last five years; and

(c) the details of bases acquired by U. S. in Indian Ocean from Exmouth to Asmaror and the present position regarding building up of a major base in Deigo Garcia by U. S.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) The comparative naval strength of U.S.A. and U.S.S.R in the Indian Ocean is known to the Government

(b) and (c). It will not be in the public interest to disclose this information.

#### Setting up of an Institute in Eastern Region

1555. SHRI BAGUN SAMBRUI;  
SHRI R. P. GAEKWAD:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have decided to set up an Institute to form appropriate technology in the Eastern region;

(b) if so, the objectives and functions of the Institute and whether it will be affiliated to any University; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH): (a) to (c). A proposal has been received from Arunachal Pradesh for the setting up of an Institute for Science and Technology which will engage in teaching, training and research work on the optimal utilization of natural resources of the area. This is presently under consideration of the Science Advisory Committee to the Cabinet.

#### Visit of High Level Official Team to Foreign Countries for Light Transport Aircraft

1556. SHRI N. E. HORO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any High-level Official Team had visited recently some foreign countries in search of a light transport aircraft which may suit for Third-level service and for multifarious defence role; and

(b) if so, the details regarding the study report of this High-level official team?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No decision on this subject has so far been taken. It will not be in public interest to disclose further details.

#### Hooch Deaths in the Country during the Months of June and July 1981

1557. SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there had been unprecedented hooch deaths in the country