

### **Aid for Displaced Persons in Andamans**

**1285. Shri Raghunath Singh:** Will the Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs be pleased to state whether any amount to rehabilitate 300 displaced labourers was granted to Andaman Industries Ltd., to run a plywood factory and saw mill in Port Blair (Andamans)?

The Minister of Rehabilitation and Minority Affairs (Shri Mehr Chand Khanna): The matter is still under consideration.

### **Small and Medium Scale Industries**

**1286. Shri Subbiah Ambalam:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state whether Government contemplate to introduce any special documentation service for the use of small and medium scale industries as distinct from the Indian National Scientific Documentation Service, on the lines similar to that being offered by the office of Technical Services Department of Commerce, Washington (U.S.A.)?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Manubhai Shah): The Government of India have published pamphlets pertaining to different industrial products and processes. Technical libraries containing magazines and periodicals from advanced countries are proposed to be attached to the Regional Small Industries Service Institutes. The T.C.M. Authorities in New Delhi have organised a Technical Library to help industrialists in their problems of management and technique.

In view of the above, there is no proposal at present to initiate any special documentation service for small and medium scale industries in India.

### **Central Committee of Atomic Research Scientists**

**1287. Shri Ghosal:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any co-ordinating Central Committee of Atomic

Research Scientists of different Atomic Research Centres of India; and

(b) if so, whether the research work on atomic energy is done under their direction?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a) and (b). Co-ordination of research in connection with the development of atomic energy is effected by the Department of Atomic Energy. The Department is assisted by various advisory committees of which leading scientists are members. In addition, the Department is represented on the governing bodies or managing committees of various scientific institutions which conduct research into the subject.

### **External Publicity Department**

**1288. Shri Sinhasan Singh:** Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the publicity department of the External Affairs Ministry is still a temporary establishment;

(b) for how many years it has been working as a temporary department; and

(c) whether Government propose to make it permanent?

The Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs (Shri Jawaharlal Nehru): (a), (b) and (c). The External Publicity Division of the Ministry of External Affairs was established in 1948. It is responsible for administering Information Service overseas. At present all the categories of Information Officers, namely, Public Relations Officers, Press Attaches, Assistant Press Attaches and Information Assistants do not constitute a permanent cadre of the Information Service. With the exception of Information Assistants who are non-gazetted and purely temporary, the other officers are engaged on a contract renewable every five years. All the Information Units abroad are temporary and continue on year-to-year basis. The Government are