

2. During 1981, 9 boats and 2 dinghies with 121 foreigners abroad, which intruded into Andaman and Nicobar Islands waters were apprehended.

3. The Andaman & Nicobar Administration and the Defence Services are keeping strict vigilance to detect and apprehend foreign vessels intruding into these Islands. Vigil is being maintained by police lookout posts established at various outlying islands of this Union territory.

Facilities of Computer and IBM Key Punching Training in Industrial Training Institutes

3884. SHRI JITENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are no facilities for training in the computer and IBM Key punching fields in the Industrial Training Institutes in the country as a result of which candidates opting for careers in this field have to pay fees in thousand of rupees for merely a couple of months or so, to the private institutes for the training;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide facilities in the ITIs for training in this field from the next year; and

(c) whether there is any information bureau providing information for training and employment in the field of computer and IBM key punching; and if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI DHARMAVIR): (a) Yes, Sir. There are no facilities for training in the computer and IBM Key punching in the Industrial Training Institutes. The amount of fees being charged by the private Institutes for this training is, however, not known.

(b) Possibilities are being explored for starting training in this field in the ITIs.

(c) Career Information and Career Counselling Services giving all relevant information about training, scholarship and employment opportunities are provided through a network of 263 Vocational Guidance units functioning at Employ-

ment Exchanges and 71 University Employment Information and Guidance Bureaux.

Central Institute for Research and Training in Employment Services, a training institute under Directorate General of Employment and Training has brought out a booklet "Careers in data processing" (Computer Occupations). This booklet contains information about institutions/organisations which provide courses/training in computer science and card punching.

Exploration of Submerged Ports and Ships

3885. SHRI KRUPASINDHU BHOI:
SHRI K. PRADHANI :

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

(a) whether submerged ports and ships along the country's coasts are to be explored to compile ancient India's navigational history;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the National Institute of Oceanography in this direction ;

(c) the outcome of the survey of archival records made for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the expenditure likely to be incurred on this operation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS AND ENVIRONMENT AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI C. P. N. SINGH) : (a) and (b) The Indian National Science Academy (INSA) has approved a Research Project in July 1981 entitled "Marine Archaeological Studies in Indian Waters". The project is being implemented at the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), Goa. The project envisages exploration and excavation of submerged ports of Dwarka and Kaveripatnam and prospecting for, identification and salvage of ship-wrecks in Indian waters. Literary sources and archival records are being examined to collect more specific infor-