

(c) A working formula in this regard has been furnished to the State Governments.

(d) Special programmes for girls' education are included in the State Plants and earn per cent assistance from the Centre.

Oil Resources in Rajasthan

185. Shri Karni Singhji: Will the Minister of Mines and Fuel be pleased to state the result of the aerial magnetic survey carried out to explore the oil resources in Rajasthan extending over an area of 20,000 square miles which included a portion of Bikaner?

The Minister of Mines and Fuel (Shri Alagesan): Aeromagnetic Survey was carried out in Western Rajasthan in 1956 to obtain an idea of the thickness of sedimentary rocks in this region. The survey, which covered 17,000 sq. miles lying partly in Bikaner and partly in Jaisalmer districts, indicated that the thickness of sediments in the western and north-western parts of the Jaisalmer District is fairly high. Further exploratory work in Jaisalmer has accordingly been undertaken.

Andamans and Nicobar Islands

**186. { Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:**

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 285 on the 6th March, 1963 and state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the proposal to acquire one passenger-cum-cargo ship and one cargo ship for augmentation of means of communications between the mainland and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Hajarnavis): (a) and (b): The matter is still under consideration.

U.K. Expert of Civil Defence

**187. { Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:
Shri Bhakt Darshan:**

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 139 on the 27th February, 1963 and state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the Report submitted by the U.K. Expert on civil defence; and

(b) if so, the details of the decisions taken?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri): (a) Yes.

(b) It will not be in the public interest to give details of the decisions taken.

Archival Legislation Committee Report

**188. { Shri Ramachandra Ulaka:
Shri Dhuleshwar Meena:**

Will the Minister of Education be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 307 on the 21st November, 1962, and state:

(a) whether Government have since considered the recommendations of the Archival Legislation Committee and taken decisions thereon; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

The Minister of Education (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) Yes, Sir. A large number of the recommendations have been considered and decisions taken thereon.

(b) Five statements containing decisions taken are placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library, See No. LT-1397/63].

Himalayan Expedition

189. Shri R. S. Pandey: Will the Minister of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs be pleased to state: