

Pilgrims from the Union Territory of Manipur are given below:

Year	No. of applications submitted
1965	(Information not available. It is being ascertained and will be laid on the Table of the House).
1966	157
1967	131

(b) The number of pilgrims from the Union Territory of Manipur who left for Haj pilgrimage:

Year	No. of Pilgrims
1965	Not available. It is being ascertained and will be laid on the Table of the House.
1966	15
1967	69

(c) and (d). The information is being obtained and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Anglo-U.S. Bases in Indian Ocean

416. SHRI R. BARUA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any further negotiations have taken place regarding the acquisition of islands in the Indian ocean by U.K. for establishing Anglo-U.S. bases there;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the matter has been finally settled?

THE PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI INDIRA GANDHI): (a) and (b). The British Government had acquired four island groups—Chagos Archipelago including Diego Garcia from Mauritius and other three island groups—Aldabra, Farquhar and Desroches from Seychelles. They paid L. 3 million *ex-gratia* to Mauritius for the

Chagos Archipelago and the three other islands were acquired from the local planters.

(c) The British Government had given assurances that they did not intend to use the British Indian Ocean territory for military bases but only as a staging post to provide communication facilities with the Far East. However, in November 1967, the British Government announced that they had decided to drop their plans to go ahead with plan for Aldabra in the British Indian Ocean territory as one of the steps to meet post-devaluation stresses.

मध्य प्रदेश में चांदमारी क्षेत्र

417. श्री गं० च० दीक्षित : क्या रक्षा मंत्रा यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश के कितने जिलों में चांदमारी क्षेत्रों की व्यवस्था की गई है ;

(ख) क्या यह तब है कि कुछ चांदमारी क्षेत्रों में दीवार न होने के कारण गोलियां बेकार चली जाती हैं ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार का विचार इन चांदमारी क्षेत्रों में ऊंची दीवारें बनाने का है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इनके क्या कारण हैं ?

प्रतिरक्षा मंत्री (श्री स्वर्ण सिंह) :

(क) से (घ). सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है, और सर्वां के पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

मध्य प्रदेश में हज यात्री

418. श्री गं० च० दीक्षित : क्या संबंधित-कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत वर्ष हज यात्रा करने वाले लोगों में से मध्य प्रदेश के कितने लोग थे ;