

Nicobar group, (ii) islands in the Laccadive, Minicoy and Amindivi group and (iii) the coastal and outlying islands in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea. The population of the islands (i) and (ii), as given in the Census Report 1961, is 87656. The population of the other islands, which are mostly uninhabited or have a floating population, is approximately 4000. Information regarding areas of these islands is being recomputed with the help of up-to-date survey methods.

(b) There are 74 police stations and outposts in the islands mentioned at (i) and (ii) in the preceding paragraph. Information about the other islands is being collected.

(c) The security of the islands is ensured by police, naval and air patrolling, as necessary.

(d) Development plans of the concerned State Governments and Union Territories take into account the needs of these islands.

UNEMPLOYED SCIENTISTS AND TECHNICIANS

3434. SHRI K. K. NAYAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the steps being taken by Government to offer relief to the unemployed Scientists and Technicians similar to the relief in contemplation for unemployed Engineers; and

(b) whether there is any basis for discriminating between Engineers and other Technicians in this matter ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. S. RAMASWAMY) : (a) The Government has recently approved generally certain recommendations made by the Planning Commission for the creation of employment opportunities for engineers (graduates and diploma holders). A statement of the measures approved was placed on the Table of the House in reply to Starred Question No. 138 answered in the Lok Sabha on 26th July, 1968. No similar measures designed specifically to create employment opportunities for Scientists and other categories of technicians are under consideration.

(b) There is no intention to discriminate between engineering personnel and other qualified personnel. It will, however, be appreciated that the expeditious employment of engineering personnel is essential to promote industrial and other developmental activity which will lead in due course, directly or indirectly, to the creation of employment opportunities for other qualified personnel.

LOSSES SUFFERED BY I.A.C.

3435. SHRI K. K. NAYAR : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the losses suffered by the Indian Airlines Corporation during the years 1965, 1966 and 1967;

(b) whether the Corporation propose to build and run hotels at Airports;

(c) whether the financial aspect of this project has been examined and if so, by whom and with what results; and

(d) whether the new project is likely to salvage the Corporation from previous losses or to plunge it into further losses ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) During the years 1964-65 and 1965-66 the Corporation made profits of Rs. 133.01 lakhs and Rs. 32.33 lakhs respectively. During the year 1966-67 the Corporation incurred a loss of Rs. 423.50 lakhs.

(b) No such decision has yet been taken.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

ALLOCATION FOR RURAL ROADS IN ORISSA

3436. SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO :
SHRI D. N. DEB :

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) the Central assistance given to the State of Orissa for the construction of Rural Roads during the years 1967-68 and 1968-69; and

(b) the allocation proposed to be made for the purpose during the Fourth Plan period ?