

Electricity Supply to Laccadive Islands

**4174. Shri Warior:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:**

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to supply electricity to the Laccadive Islands in the Fourth Plan; and

(b) if so, the broad features thereof?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed):

(a) and (b). Yes. During the Fourth Plan, it is proposed to electrify six new Islands namely; (i) Kalpeni, (ii) Agathi, (iii) Madamat, (iv) Kiltan, (v) Chetlat and (vi) Bitra besides completing the remaining work on the electrification of Karavathy, Minicoy Ameni and Androth Islands. Schemes for electrification of six new Islands are being formulated by the Central Water and Power Commission. These schemes envisage installation of diesel generating sets of capacity varying from 9KW to 48 KW for supplying power to small scale industries like Ice Factory, Fish Storage, Canning Factory and Hosiery Factory etc. in addition to domestic services and street lighting. With the electrification of the six villages, all the inhabited villages in the Laccadive islands would be electrified.

Deaf and Dumb School in Kerala

**4175. Shri Warior:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:**

Will the Minister of Planning and Social Welfare be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a final decision to close down the deaf and dumb school in Kunnamkulam, Kerala State; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Social Welfare (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and

will be laid on the Table of the Sabha as soon as possible.

Sholayar Project

**4176. Shri Warior:
Shri Vasudevan Nair:
Shri D. C. Sharma:
Dr. Mahadeva Prasad:**

Will the Minister of Irrigation and Power be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the coil of the generator in Sholayar Project was burnt and power generation has been postponed to May, 1968

(b) if so, the loss incurred as a result thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

The Minister of Irrigation and Power (Shri Fakhruddin Ahmed): (a) Yes. The generator coil did not stand the high voltage test. It was therefore replaced. The generating unit is now expected to be commissioned by end of April or the beginning of May, 1968.

(b) This is being assessed by the Govt. of Kerala.

(c) Necessary claim is being lodged with the Insurance Co. by the Govt. of Kerala.

Tribal Welfare Schemes

4177. Shri Rishang Keishing: Will the Minister of Planning and Social Welfare be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allotted under the Tribal Welfare Schemes, year wise, during the Third Five Year Plan;

(b) the shortfall in expenditure, if any;

(c) the physical target achieved; and

(d) the existing machinery to ensure proper utilisation of the Tribal Welfare Fund?

The Deputy Minister in the Department of Social Welfare (Shrimati Chandrasekhar): The required infor-