

Primitives of Andaman and Nicobar Islands

2592. **SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN** : Will the Minister of LAW AND SOCIAL WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the natives of Andamans and Nicobar Islands still retain their own primitive character ;

(b) whether Government consider that Onges and Jarawas will not survive if they are made to conform Modern civilisation ; and

(c) if not, the steps taken for their upliftment and the extent of success achieved in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRI MUTHYAL RAO) : (a) The Scheduled Tribes of these Islands are at different stages of development, depending on their degree of contact with the general population.

(b) There is no reason to support such a view.

(c) The Jarawas are still hostile and it has not yet been possible to establish peaceful contact with them.

The Onges are about 130 in number. A primary school and a dispensary have been established to cater to their needs and a coconut plantation of two hundred acres has been raised to supplement their food. A medical survey of the tribe is also being undertaken. A good measure of response has been forthcoming for these programmes.

Rock Roller Bits for Drilling

2593. **SHRI D. C. SHARMA** :
SHRI HARDAYAL
DEVGUN :
SHRI BENI SHANKER
SHARMA :
SHRI RANJIT SINGH :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the possibility of manufacturing rock roller bits for drilling in the country has been examined ;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof ; and

(c) the steps being taken in the matter :

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI F. A. AHMED) : (a) to (c). Government had granted a licence, in January 1964, under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, to Messrs Voltas Limited, Bombay for establishing a new industrial undertaking at Thana (Maharashtra State) for the manufacture of Roller Rock Bits, Drag Bits and Reconditioned Rock Bits for annual capacities of 14,000 Nos., 1,500 Nos. and 3,000 Nos. respectively. The scheme was to be implemented in technical and financial collaboration with Messrs. Varel Manufacturing Co. of U. S. A. The Indian Company, however, surrendered this industrial licence in 1967. As Rock Roller Bits are somewhat sophisticated and difficult items of manufacture, no indigenous capacity has so far been established for this item. This item has been kept on the "Merit List" for this purpose of licensing under the Industries' Act so that the attention of prospective entrepreneurs is drawn to capacity available for establishment of manufacture of these items.

Incentives to Paper Industry

2594. **SHRI HARDAYAL**
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SHRI BALRAJ MADHOK :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INTERNAL TRADE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the paper industry has been offered incentives to assure supply of paper and paper products ahead of demand ;

(b) if so, the impact of the offer ; and

(c) the amount spent so far by way of incentives ?