

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) to (c). Photographs of submerged Dwarka were taken from 1983 to December, 1989 by divers engaged or employed and trained by the Marine Archaeology Unit of National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), Goa, which is conducting underwater exploration of Dwarka. Divers of Indian Navy had not been engaged for this work. Some of the important photographs have been shown in the focus programme of Doordarshan. Further steps will be taken to show the story of Dwarka or appropriate media through these photographs and other analysis.

(d) and (e). The Marine Archaeology Unit of National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) is advised by a retired experienced archaeologist of Archaeological Survey of India. Evidence in the form of buildings of ancient Dwarka, besides antiquities such as the seals, pottery, inscriptions and metal and shell objects found there corroborate the historical authenticity of the submergence of an ancient coastal city referred to in various texts as Dwarka. Scientific data generated from these discoveries has also been useful for studying the sea level fluctuation, coastal erosion and palaeoclimate.

#### IAS Officers

940. SHRI KAPIL DEV SHASTRI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of IAS officers with rural and urban background, separately, State-wise/Union-Territory-wise; and

(b) the number of IAS officers posted at Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras and number of IAS officers selected from these cities, separately?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): Information is

being collected and will be laid on the table of the House upon compilation.

[English]

#### Study Conducted by Mysore University on Living Conditions of People of Karnataka

941. SHRI SRIKANTHA DATTANA RASIMHA RAJA WADIYAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning forum of the Department of Post-Graduate Studies and Research in Economics and Co-operation university of Mysore, Manasgengotri, Mysore has been conducting survey on the living conditions of the people of Karnataka State;

(b) if so, the facts revealed in their recent study;

(c) the circumstances which led to the better growth in the living standard of the people; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to assist the State Government in raising the socio-economic status of the people of that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Do not arise.

[Translation]

#### Payment of Lump-Sum Amount in lieu of L.T.C.

942. SHRI HARIBHAU SHANKAR MAHALE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: