

present work is being executed. He is a retired Executive Engineer (Electrical) and first class certificate holder in boiler consultancy.

(e) Andaman & Nicobar Administration has informed that there is no bar for house-wives and sons of Government servants competent to contract for admission to the membership of a cooperative society.

Integrated Rural Development Programme in Andaman District

2065. DR. BHAI MAHAVIR:

SHRI SHRIDHAR

WASUDEO DHABE:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons covered under the Integrated Rural Development Programme in the Andaman District and whether any of them have got land above five acres;

(b) whether they can be covered under the I.R.D.P. which is meant for persons below poverty line; and

(c) what action Government propose to take against the defaulting officers who are responsible for this illegal action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI HARINATH MISHRA): (a) and (b) Three hundred and thirty-eight beneficiaries have been given financial assistance under Integrated Rural Development Programme in Andaman since inception up to October, 1983. No case has come to the notice of Andaman Administration where persons having land above five acres were granted financial assistance under Integrated Rural Development Programme.

(c) Does not arise.

Road-Traffic Conditions

2066. SHRI HARISHANKAR

BHABHRA:

SHRI LAKHAN SINGH:

SHRI JAGANNATH RAO:

JOSHI:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a study conducted by the Central Road Research Institute, about Rs. 1500 crores could be saved in fuel consumption and wear and tear of vehicles on roads, by straightening out road-alignments and ensuring a smooth surface, free from potholes and also that road traffic conditions in India are so bad that about 25,000 persons are killed in road accidents every year which is about 62 deaths for every 10,000 vehicles on road and which is the highest death rate in the world; and

(b) if so, what decisions were taken in this regard and results achieved in each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI):

(a) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that according to the Road User Cost Study—a Research Project conducted by the Central Road Research Institute, considerable savings in fuel consumption and cost of operation of vehicles can be brought about by improving the geometrics of roads, widening the pavements and improvements in the riding quality of roads. The exact amount of savings has, however, not been quantified in the Report.

It is a fact that about 25,000 persons are killed in road accidents every year in the country which gives a very high accident rate for the country as compared to other developed countries in the world.

(b) A view has yet to be taken on the findings of the study.

Report of the World Conference Economic and Social Order

2067. SHRI G. C. BHATTA CHARYA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report adopted by the World Conference on Economic and Social Orders held in Geneva in August last;