

and Plantation Development Corporation has been set up under the age is of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Department of Agriculture. The total outlay for Andaman and Nicobar Islands for the year 1978-79 agreed to by the Planning Commission is about Rs. 1040 lakhs. The major development sectors covered are:—

(Rs. in lakhs')

Sector	Amount
1. Agriculture Production etc. . .	56.00 }
2. Animal Husbandry . . .	30.00 }
3. Fisheries . . .	40.00 }
4. Forest . . .	129.00 }
5. Cooperation . . .	11.00 }
6. Industries . . .	12.00 }
7. Shipping . . .	111.00 }
8. Roads and Bridges . . .	221.00 }
9. Welfare backward classes . . .	7.00 }

Stamping of cloth prices

1372. SHRI DEORAO PATIL: SHRI S. KUMARAN: SHRI YOGENDRA SHARMA: SHRI GULABRAO PATIL: SHRI SWAMI DINESH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's decision to the effect that the textile manufacturers should stamp the prices on cloth showing the ex-factory cost plus excise levy has been stayed; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and to what extent the retail cloth prices have been affected on that account?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Future of Released Emergency Commissioned Officers Employed in the NCC.

1373. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI KUMARI CHUNDAWAT:

SHRI GURUDEV GUPTA;
SHRI PRAKASH MEHROTRA:

SHRIMATI HAMIDA HABIBULLAH:

SHRI SAWAISINGH SISODIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state the service prospects of the released Emergency Commissioned Officers who have been absorbed as Administrative Officers in the National Cadet Corps and have completed more than five years of service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHER SINGH): Several released Emergency Commissioned officers have been granted Commissions as whole time NCC officers. They are appointed on a temporary basis for a period of three years and extensions of service are given to them, provided their performance is satisfactory,—for three years at a time upto the age of 55.

The Evaluation Committee on NCC headed by Dr. G. S. Mahajani had recommended that this category of officers should be gradually replaced by regular service officers. However, this has not been found possible due to the continued shortage of regular service officers.

As several of these officers have rendered fairly long and continuous service in the NCC, a proposal to provide security of tenure, to those of them who have a good record of service, is being examined.

Use of Thennocole-Ice Pail by Scooter Riders

1374. SHRI SUJAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many people riding on two wheeler scooters wear thermocole-ice pail instead of regular helmets, meant for protection in case of accidents, and thus dodge the police; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?