

two Engineers. The Tamil Nadu Government authorities have registered a case under Foreigners Act, 1946, and Rule 3(a) of the Passport (Entry into India) Rules, 1950 and the investigations are in progress.

(c) and (d) Some similar intrusions were reported in the past. Detailed facts and the number of foreigners arrested are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Mosquito menace in and around defence installations

*240. SHRI H. S. NARASIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scientific studies were conducted by defence authorities into the mosquito menace in and around the Hindustan Aeronautics factory;

(b) whether the studies conducted around defence installations like Military Engineering Group and the Hindustan Aeronautics have shown that mosquito-man ratio had gone up from 30.6 to 50.6 mosquitoes per man per hour;

(c) whether it is a fact that the mosquito menace in and around the Hindustan Aeronautics factory has adversely affected production, particularly in the second and third shifts; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to combat the menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The studies revealed that mosquito density keeps on fluctuating depending upon the weather conditions. Records of mosquito catches in

Bangalore show that during 1974 the density varied from 70.64 mosquito per man per hour in the month of October to the maximum of 105.43 in the month of June. In 1975 the minimum and maximum density stood at 37.55 in the month of November and 95.80 in the month of February. In 1976 the density was 50 in January and 76.60 in April.

(c) Yes, the mosquito menace does affect production particularly during months of high mosquito density.

(d) HAL have taken following actions to reduce mosquito menace in factory premises:

(i) periodical spraying of mala-riol in stagnant water within the factory premises and around HAL area;

(ii) spraying of insecticides within the factory during night;

(iii) issuance of mosquito repellent cream to workers during night shift; and

(iv) Prevention of stagnation of water within the factory premises.

The Bangalore Corporation is in charge of mosquito control operations. They are given financial and material assistance by the Government of India under Urban Malaria Scheme. There is a Coordination Committee which meets frequently to review the progress.

Arrangements are being made to divert the affluent of the Primary treated sewage water which is at present discharged into a tank in the vicinity of the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.

Industrial units manufacturing pump-set engines

251. SHRI SANAT KUMAR RAHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of industrial units manufacturing pump set engines for shallow irrigation together