migrant families, the pace of resettlement in Andaman and Nicobar Islands is dependent on a number of important factors which have to be taken into account.

भारतीय राजदूतावासों में हिन्दी टाइपिस्टों का न होना

1422. **डा० लोकेश चन्द्र** : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कितने भारतीय राजदूतावासों में हिन्दी टाइपराइटिंग की सुविधा नहीं है; और

(ख) सरकार ने इस संबंध में क्या कार्य वाही की है ?

†[**Indian Embassies without Hindi typists**

1422. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian Embassies where there is no facility for Hindi typewriting; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?]

विदेश मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री विपिनपाल दास) : (क) और (ख) निम्नलिखित भारतीय मिशनों को हिन्दी टाइपराइटर दिए गए हैं । हेग, काठमांडु, लंदन, मारिशश, मास्को, न्यूयार्क, पीकिंग, सुवा, टोकियो, ट्रिनिडाड । अन्य मिशनों में भी हिन्दी टाइपराइटर देने का इरादा है, लेकिन किफायत को ध्यान में रखकर प्रथमिकता वहां दी जाती है उन्हें उनकी मांग और अधिकाधिक प्रयोग की गुंजाइश हो ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): (a) and (b). Hindi typewriters have been provided to the following Indian Missions: The Hague, Kathmandu, London, Mauritius, Moscow, New York, Peking, Suva, Tokyo, Trinidad. It is proposed to provide such typewriters to other Missions also. But bearing in mind consideration of economy, priorities are being accorded where there is demand and scope for their optimum use.]

भारतीय मिशनों में हिन्दी जानने वाले, अधिकारी

1423. **डा० लोकेश चन्द्र** : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारतीय राजदूतावासों में ऐसे राजपत्रित अधिकारियों की संख्या कितनी है, जिन्हे हिन्दी में काम करने का ज्ञान प्राप्त है;

(ख) अपनी बातचीत के दौरान सामान्य तौर पर हिन्दी अथवा किसी अन्य क्षेत्रीय भाषा का प्रयोग करने वाले अधिकारियों की संख्या कितनी है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार ने सभी राजदूतावासों को अपने सरकारी कार्यों में हिन्दी अथवा किसी अन्य भारतीय भाषा का प्रयोग करने के लिए बल देकर कहा है ?

†[ ] English translation.

†[Hindi knowing officers in Indian Missions

1423. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gazetted officers in the Indian Embassies who have working knowledge of Hindi;

(b) the number of those officers who ordinarily use Hindi or any other regional language during the course of their conversation; and

(c) whether Government have impressed upon all embassies to use either Hindi or any other Indian language instead of English in their official duties?]

विदेश मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री विपिनपाल दास) : (क) अद्यतन सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सदन की मेज पर रख दी जाएगी ।

(ख) और (ग). सभी अधिकारियों से कहा गया है कि व हिन्दी जानने वाले लोगों के साथ जिनमें विदेशी भी शामिल हैं, बातचीत में हिन्दी का प्रयोग किया करें और हमारे मिशनों में सरकारी कामकाज में भी हिन्दी का प्रयोग करने की हिदायतें पहले ही मौजूद हैं । अधिकारियों और स्थानीय निवासियों के बीच बातचीत में, जब कभी संभव हो, क्षेत्रीय भाषाओं का भी प्रयोग किया जाता है ।

†[THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI BIPINPAL DAS): (a) Latest information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c) All officers have been asked to use Hindi in their conversation with those who know Hindi including the foreigners and instructions already exist for its use in the official work of our Missions also. Regional languages are also used in conversation between officials and local inhabitants as and when possible.]

Production in Ordnance Factories

1424. SHRI M. KADERSHAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production in the ordnance factories in respect of civilian requirements (other than arms and ammunitions) has gone down during the last two years;

(b) if so, the manner in which the civilian requirements of defence personnel are met at present; and

(c) how much foreign exchange are being spent annually for such requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (DEFENCE PRODUCTION) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The Ordnance Factories supply some of the civilian requirements of the Defence Services. The annual production is based on the orders placed by the Services and availability of funds. During 1973-74, there was slight fall in the production of such stores, mainly due to power shortage and the policy of the Government to reduce expenditure on overtime.

(b) The marginal deficiencies of 1973-74 were met during 1974-75.

(c) There has been no import of such items of civil requirements.

Payment of Wages to Women

1425. SHRI S. W. DHABE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 287 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st February, 1975 and state:

(a) what are the actual rates fixed for male and female workers, separately, in the agriculture, plantation and cashew industries; and

†[ ] English translation.