

are aware that the jetties of the Nancowrie and the Nicobar Islands are very defective and several drowning accidents have occurred here during the last four years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House when received.

REVIVAL OF DELHI PROHIBITION BOARD

\*569. SHRI P. N. SAPRU (on behalf of SHRIMATI SAVITRY DEVI NIGAM): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government propose to revive the Delhi Prohibition Board to carry out educational programme about alcoholism in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI B. N. DATAR): Attention is invited to the reply given to Starred Question No. 257 on 3rd December, 1957, in which it was stated that in view of the assistance available from the proposed Central Prohibition Committee and the Delhi Advisory Committee, it does not seem advisable to have a separate Prohibition Board for Delhi.

SHRI DEOKINANDAN NARAYAN: May I know whether Government have decided upon any scheme to complete prohibition in Delhi State?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: Sir, Government have introduced partial prohibition and they are watching its results.

SHRI V. PRASAD RAO: Sir, is it a fact that the sale of liquor in Delhi proper has increased because of this partial prohibition?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: It has decreased. I have given the figures already.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Questions are over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

PRODUCTION OF MILD STEEL SHEETS AT STEEL PLANTS

\*563. SHRI M. M. SUR: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND FUEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the following gauges of mild steel sheets will be manufactured in any of the steel plants in India;

28 B.W.G., 29 B.W.G., 30 B.W.G., D. 31 B.W.G. and 32 B.W.G.; and

(b) if so, in what quantities, in which factory, and on which dates?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND FUEL (SARDAR SWARAN SINGH):

(a) and (b). Yes, Sir, The Indian Iron & Steel Co. Ltd, produces only a small quantity in 28 G at present Rourkela Steel Plant would be producing sheets of all gauges by 1960-61 ranging from 10 G to 32 G. The quantities produced would depend upon the demand for these sizes of sheets.

BRACKISH WATER TREATMENT PLANT

157. SHRI JAI NARAIN VYAS: Will the Minister of SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a brackish water treatment plant has been sent to a gypsum mine in Rajasthan for the Sind Fertilizer and Chemicals Limited; and

(b) if so, what is the expenditure incurred on the plant?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS (DR. MOHAN DAS): (a) Yes, Sir. A plant has been supplied by the Central Fertilizer Research Institute.

(b) Rupees Twenty eight thousand six hundred and five, including cost of anion exchanger.