

regulations for checking usury in the Andaman and Nicobar islands are expected to be framed and brought into force?]

**मंत्री गृह-कार्य मंत्रालय (श्री बी० एन० दातार) :** अंडमान तथा निकोबार द्वीप मनी लेंडिंग नियम १९५६ (१९५६ का नम्बर २) की राष्ट्रपति द्वारा घोषणा कर दी गई है और वह १२ मार्च १९५६ को भारत के गजट में प्रकाशित हो गया है। यह शीघ्र ही लागू कर दिया जाएगा।

[THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI B. N. DATAR) : The Andaman and Nicobar Islands Money-lenders Regulation, 1956, (No. 2 of 1956) has been promulgated by the President and published in the Gazette of India on the 12th March 1956. It will be brought into force shortly.]

**श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान :** क्या सरकार ने इस बात की जांच करा ली है कि वहाँ के लोगों का कितना कर्ज है, किस प्रकार है और यह कि जो कर्ज देने वाले हैं वे कौन लोग हैं और कितना बूट लेने हैं ?

**श्री बी० एन० दातार :** कितना कर्ज है, क्या है यह मुझे मालूम नहीं। सरकार ने सब कुछ जांच कर लेने के बाद यह रेगुलेशन तैयार किया।

**श्री नवाब सिंह चौहान :** मेरा मतलब यह है कि वहाँ के लोगों को जो कर्ज देने वाले एक्सप्लाइड कर रहे हैं, वे कहां के निवासी हैं—भारत के हैं, अंडमान के हैं या और किसी देश के हैं ? वे किस प्रकार से उनका एक्सप्लोइटेशन करते हैं ?

**श्री बी० एन० दातार :** वे सब लोग अंडमान के एक्स कंविकट हैं और वहाँ के निवासी हैं।

†English translation.

**श्रीमती सावित्री निगम :** क्या सरकार को यह विदित है कि बहुत से बर्मा के लोग और मद्रास के चेटीयार लोग भी वहाँ जाकर लोगों को बहुत ज्यादा ब्याज पर धन उधार देते हैं ?

**श्री बी० एन० दातार :** यह मुझे मालूम नहीं।

PROF. G. RANGA: Are Government taking any steps to provide cheap credit to the people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands either through cooperative credit societies or through their own taccavi loans?

SHRI B. N. DATAR: That is being done. In addition to the promulgation of this Regulation which regulates the conduct of the moneylenders, they are compelled to keep accounts and minimum rate of interest have to be charged and other provisions have been made. Government also are considering the question of keeping some money with the Chief Commissioner for the purpose of starting cooperative societies.

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#### COPPER MINES IN RAJASTHAN

\*253. SHRI H. C. DASAPPA (ON BEHALF OF SHRI M. GOVINDA REDDY) : Will the Minister for NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take over the copper mines in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. K. L. SHRIMALI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scheme will take a little time for finalisation.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: Who are now working these mines?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: The mines have been leased to Messrs. Jaipur Mining Corporation Limited.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: Is there any idea of giving them compensation *for* taking over these mines?

DR. K. L. SHRTMALI: The whole matter is under the consideration of the Government.

SHM H. C. DASAPPA: What is the extent of deposits there of copper?

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: It is expected that about 5,000 tons of copper may be expected from these mines.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: What is the output of the mine?

MR. CHAIRMAN: 5,000 tons.

SHRI MAHESWAR NAIK: I want in respect of the market value.

DR. K. L. SHRIMALI: I cannot say. It has been found that the reserves of copper mine is of the order of 50 million tons with an average content of 1 per cent, copper but what would be the market value, I cannot say at present.

#### **DEATH OF A FLYING OFFICER IN AN AIR-CRASH**

\*255. SHRI H. C. DASAPPA (ON BEHALF OF SHRI M. VALIULLA): Will the Minister for DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Flying Officer D. K. Bhatnagar was killed in an Indian Air Force "Spitfire" which crashed on the 21st December 1954 at 12-30 hours five miles south-west of Kankinara;

(b) when the Air Force authorities reached the place of accident; and

(c) how many days after spotting the crashed aircraft the body of the Flying Officer was recovered?

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE ORGANISATION (SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At about 14-00 hours. However, immediately after the accident, the Officer Commanding, Engineer Depot, Kankinara, which was close by, rushed medical and rescue aids to the scene of accident.

(c) Parts of the body of the Officer were recovered after 4 days.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know the reason why, if the relief went only an hour and a half after the accident, it should have taken four days to recover the body?

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI: The ground there was too soft and the aircraft had dug itself to a depth of 20 to 25 feet down there. Excavation of the wreckage was immediately started but it was necessarily slow due to the inrush of sub-soil water and clayey nature of the soil in the crater and parts of the body could be recovered only after four days. The I.A.F. arranged for the funeral after the body was found.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know, Sir, whether he was the only person who was in the aircraft?

SHRI MAHAVIR TYAGI: Yes, Sir.

#### **VISITORS TO THE RED FORT, DELHI**

\*256. SHRI H. C. DASAPPA (ON BEHALF OF SHRI M. VALIULLA) ! Will the Minister for EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the average number of visitors to the Red Fort at Delhi annually; and

(b) what was the gate money collected during 1954-55?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION (DR. MONO MOHAN DAS): (a) 4,78,863.

(b) Rs. 58,164.

SHRI H. C. DASAPPA: May I know what exactly is this gate money?