

to those who, having seen the light of reason, voluntarily abjure violence and come overground to lead their lives as peaceful citizens and to assure them a proper place in the society.

**C.B.I. Raid on an Ashram near Jammu**

2633. **SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of CBI has raided the ashram of Swami Dhirendra Brahmachari at Sudh Mahadev, about 130 Km. from Jammu and seized a number of incriminating document and articles; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH):**  
(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Shortage of Drinking Water in certain Villages in Andaman and Nicobar Islands**

2634. **SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in Andaman and Nicobar group of Islands, the villagers of Bimliton, Tailorabad, Dollygunj, Pathragada, Pahargaon, Caddlegunj, Tushnabad, Ferrargunj, Sundergarh, Nilambur, Rajat Garh, Flat Bay, Long Island, Yeralta, Aerial Bay, Subhas Gram, Little Andaman, Namuna Ghar, Hathi Tappu, Dunduspoint, in the district of Andaman and Chowra Islands and some other villages of the district of Nicobar are facing acute shortage of drinking water for the last so many years;

(b) if so, the action taken in the matter so far; and

(c) the action contemplated?

**THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH):**  
(a) to (c), Most of the villages in the Andaman group have got satisfactory water supply either by way of open wells or through piped supply or both. At some places there are ponds also. However, during summer some scarcity is experienced at a few places, and in two villages water is supplied through trucks to overcome this scarcity. Improvements by way of digging more wells or by laying pipelines are being contemplated. In fact at some places like Caddlegunj, Tushnabad, Flat Bay villages, Long Island and Aerial Bay, improvement schemes are under execution.

2. Generally houses in villages in these Islands are scattered over large areas with agricultural fields or patches of forests intervening and piped water supply schemes are uneconomical and at times almost impracticable. Wells are, however, being dug in such cases where the existing water supply is inadequate.

3. There is no water scarcity in the villages in the island of Little Andaman.

4. At Chowra Island (Nicobars) with population of 1329, there are no water resources. A scheme for collection of rain water from roofs and to supply it during summer after duly treating it is in progress.

**Small Ports on Western Coast**

2635. **SHRI VASANT SATHE:** Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up a plan for development of small ports on Western Coast of the country;

(b) if so, details of the plan outlay; and