

notice to the effect that the Tea Industry is going to cast aside labourers without wages in winter ;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to prevent this or to save the labourers from starvation during the period ; and

(c) what will be the number of workers involved?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri):** (a) to (c). No information is available regarding West Bengal. As regards Assam, it is understood that a circular letter has been issued by the Assam Branch of the Indian Tea Association indicating the possibility of lay-off of workers during winter for whom sufficient work may not be available. The State Government, who are responsible for dealing with industrial relations in the Plantation industry, have issued a directive that labourers who might be thrown out of employment should be employed to the maximum possible extent on Public Works Department projects and are also persuading local bodies, contractors and other concerns to give work to as many labourers as possible. The exact number of workers who might be laid off cannot be ascertained at present as it is related to the volume of work which employers might find it possible to provide.

#### HINDI TELEGRAPH SERVICE

\*776. **Shri Telhikar:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hindi Telegraph Service in Devanagari script is going to be extended to some stations in Hyderabad State ; and

(b) whether there is any possibility of establishing Telegraph Service in Devanagari script in all or any other Indian language?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) Yes. Efforts are being made as a first step to provide the Devanagari telegraph service at Secunderabad.

(b) The service is already available for telegrams in any Indian language, written in the Devanagari script between stations having the Hindi telegraph service.

#### EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES

\*777. **Shri Telhikar:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether Employment Exchanges

have been made use of by private employers and employees;

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether Employment Exchanges have collected necessary statistical information from private concerns from all parts of India; and

(c) whether there is any periodical of the Department publishing up-to-date information on the subject?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri):** (a) Yes.

(b) Yes, there are two sources of information available to us. One through the Inspectors of Factories in respect of large industrial establishments, and through a Return prescribed for the use of Exchanges in respect of private establishments within the jurisdiction of the Exchanges.

(c) Statistics relating to Employment Exchanges are published in the Monthly Review of work done by the "Directorate General of Resettlement and Employment", "Employment News", and "Indian Labour Gazette".

#### VIZIANAGARAM-RAIPUR RAILWAY LINE

\*778. **Shri Sanganna:** (a) Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the number of Railway stations on the Vizianagaram-Raipur Railway line of the Eastern Zone which have no waiting rooms for passengers?

(b) Do Government propose to construct waiting rooms at all such railway stations and if so, when?

**The Deputy Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Alagesan):** (a) At only two stations on the Raipur-Vizianagaram section, there are waiting rooms for First, Second and Inter-class passengers. Waiting halls for third class passengers, however, exist at 31 out of 32 stations on this section. At the remaining station Dolkalu the waiting hall is already under construction.

(b) Additional waiting accommodation is proposed to be provided as follows during the current and next financial years:

Titilagarh	} Inter class waiting rooms
Parvatipuram	
Nawadara Road	} Upper class waiting rooms including improvements to existing ones.
Kesinga	