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(Part I—Questions and Answers)

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The House met at a Quarter Past Eight of the Clock.

[MR. SPEAKER in the Chair]

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

COTTON CULTIVATION

\*1340. Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total acreage of land under cotton cultivation in the year 1952-53; and

(b) whether Government propose to effect any increase in the cotton acreage this year?

The Minister of Agriculture (Dr. P. S. Deshmukh): (a) About 137 lakh acres according to the latest available estimate.

(b) Looking to present acreage Government thinks there is room for increase. But the Government is more keen on increased production in the same area.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: Does the cotton acreage for 1952-53 show any increase over the previous year's?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: Sir, actually it varies; but it does show an increase. There was an increase of 2.4 million acres in 1950-51; in 1951-52 there was an increase of 1.6 million acres, and this year there was, I think, a slight increase of 0.1 per cent.

Dr. Ram Subhag Singh: What are the factors to which the decrease could be attributed?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: It depends upon the rains, mainly. If there is timely rain cotton is cultivated. If rains are 63 P.S.D.

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delayed then they sow other crops in place of cotton.

Shri S. N. Das: May I know whether the target production was reached and whether there was any increase in the yield per acre?

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh: The yield figures are not yet available for the year 1952-53; but we are satisfied with the progress made. We have, however, not completely reached the target.

सेठ गोबिन्द दास : माननीय मंत्री जी ने अभी यह कहा कि कितनी भूमि अभी कपास उत्पन्न करती है उस से बढ़ने की सम्भावना है। तो इस बढ़ने से जहाँ पर अनाज उत्पन्न होता है उस भूमि में तो कमी नहीं हो जायगी ?

डा० पी० एस० देशमुख : हम यह इंटीग्रेटेड प्लान के मुताबिक कर रहे हैं जिस में हम यह चाहते हैं कि अनाज की भी बढ़ोतरी हो जाय और कपास भी ज्यादा हो। इस में कुछ संकट या भय करने को आवश्यकता नहीं है। यह उस प्लान के मुताबिक हो रहा है।

UNEMPLOYMENT

\*1341. Shri M. L. Dwivedi: Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a result of special survey conducted by the Directorate of Employment Exchanges in India, it has been disclosed that the number of educated unemployed who were registered upto the end of October last is near about thirteen lakhs; and

(b) whether it is a fact that these figures are mostly from large cities of India?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri):** (a) No, Sir. The correct figures is 1,26,498.

(b) No.

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** In view of the alarming increase all over India of unemployed persons, have Government given any attention to this problem with a view to finding out ways and means of finding employment for more and more persons?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** Government is certainly giving attention to this problem. I may also suggest that there should be more initiative on the part of the educated unemployed as well. For instance there is the *Bhoodan* movement and some of the unemployed may come forward with proposals as to how they can utilise and take advantage of this movement, get into lands and start some co-operative industries and so forth. Certainly all these matters are being considered.

**Mr. Speaker:** This is not asking for any information: It is making suggestions and carrying on arguments.

**Shri M. L. Dwivedi:** May I know what is the percentage of unemployed persons who have been employed by Government and the percentage who have been employed by the private sector through the agency of the employment exchanges?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** I am not in a position to give an answer off-hand.

**Shri H. N. Shastri:** May I ask when is the committee, hinted by the hon. Minister of Labour in one of his recent speeches to probe into the question of unemployed, going to be set up by Government?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** It is such a big question and I may tell the hon. Member that when I stated about it it was more in terms of loud thinking rather than putting forward any practical proposals.

**Shri Kelappan:** May I know, Sir, how many educated unemployed are every year being added on to the number already unemployed?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** Notice, Sir.

**Shri Namblar:** May I know, Sir what effective steps are being taken by the Government to reduce unemployment among educated men?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** The various projects that are in operation now, the Com-

munity Projects, the Five Year Plan, etc., which are providing so many other avenues, all these must reduce, in the end, unemployment.

**Shrimati Renu Chakravartty:** May I know, of the figure given, what percentage are technicians and what percentage are clerks?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** As regards educated unemployed, who are on the live registers today the following are the details:

Matriculates	92,767
Intermediate pass	11,902
Graduates of Engineering	832
Medical	150
others	14,368
Making a total of	1,20,019

on the 31st December, 1952.

#### NORTHERN RAILWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

\*1342. **Shri Namblar:** Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the Northern Railway Advisory Committee was held recently in New Delhi;

(b) whether Government propose to place on the Table of the House the report of the meeting and its recommendations; and

(c) what action Government propose to take on these recommendations?

**The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Railways and Transport (Shri Shahnawaz Khan):** (a) Yes; on 20th January, 1953.

(b) The Proceedings of Local Advisory Committee Meetings are confidential documents. Two copies of the minutes of the meetings of these Committees will however, be placed in the Library of the House for the use of hon. Members.

(c) Some of the recommendations have been examined and action taken as found necessary, others are still under investigation.

**Shri Namblar:** May I know, Sir, when the local consultative committees, which, as indicated in the Budget Speech of the hon. Minister of Railways, are to take the place of these Advisory Boards, will be constituted?

**Shri Shahnawaz Khan:** We have made some progress in this respect. But the progress has not been as satisfactory as we would like it to be. Still we are making all efforts to constitute them early.