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## HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE

Wednesday, 3rd December, 1952

*The House met at a Quarter to Eleven  
of the Clock.*

[MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER in the Chair]

## ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

## RADIO LICENCES

\*874. **Sardar Hukam Singh:** Will the Minister of Communications be pleased to state

(a) the number of premises licensed for radio reception as on the 1st September, 1952; and

(b) whether there are separate figures for household and industrial premises?

**The Deputy Minister of Communications (Shri Raj Bahadur):** (a) 7,01,638.

(b) Separate figures are available for Domestic Broadcast Receiver Licenses but not for licenses issued to Industrial Premises as such.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** What was the number of unlicensed premises detected during the year?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** For that I would require separate notice. But I think I gave that information in the last session.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** Does the Government have any authentic information as to the relative sizes of the listening audiences in respect of the various programmes?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** That is a matter which can be put to the State Governments.

**Shri Veeraswamy:** How many community radio sets are installed in the Madras State?

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**Shri Raj Bahadur:** I cannot give the figures Statewise, but all over the country there are as many as 6,271.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** Is there any listener research unit attached to the All India Radio?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** That is a question which should be put to my hon. colleague the Minister for Information and Broadcasting.

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** Can Government give us any idea as to the increase or decrease in the number of non-licensed radios?

**Shri Raj Bahadur:** There were separate questions tabled on that subject before. I would require separate notice for this question.

## UNEMPLOYED GRADUATES AND MATRICULATES

\*875. **Dr. Ram Subbag Singh:** Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state the numbers of unemployed graduates and matriculates registered with various Employment Exchanges at present?

**The Minister of Labour (Shri V. V. Giri):** At the end of October 1952, there were 16,055 graduates and 1,10,443 Matriculates registered as unemployed with the various Employment Exchanges.

**Dr. Ram Subbag Singh:** Has Government any idea of controlling this menacing growth of unemployment among the educated youth of the country?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** Of course, that position is always there before Government.

**Dr. Ram Subbag Singh:** What are those ideas, Sir?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** The hon. Minister said that the matter is constantly before the Government. The hon. Member wants to know what are the ways in which Government are going to control it.

**Shri V. V. Giri:** Because so many people rose I did not know....

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** The hon. Member may repeat his question.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Has Government any idea of controlling the menacing growth of unemployment among the educated youth of the country?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** The Planning Commission is at work, and apart from it new industries are being started; and various other measures have to be taken to relieve unemployment.

**Shri S. S. More:** Has Government any institution or agency for assessing the volume of unemployment among the uneducated, particularly people coming from the rural areas, and, if not, does Government contemplate installing any such agency?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** How does it arise? This is about unemployed graduates and matriculates. The hon. Member wants to know about those who are not either graduates or matriculates, who are not even literates. It does not arise.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Has any demand been made on the Employment Exchanges for supplying agricultural workers?

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

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** How many agricultural workers?

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

**Shri B. S. Murthy:** May we know the ratio between the applications of these unemployed graduates and matriculates registered, and the employment secured?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** I am collecting those figures and I shall soon place them for the benefit of the hon. House.

**Shri H. N. Mukerjee:** Some months ago the Chief Labour Commissioner of the Government of India, Mr. L. C. Jain, referred to certain figures in Bombay regarding unemployment. And according to his figures at the end of May 1952, out of 366,596 unemployed persons registered with the Exchanges, 14,828 were graduates. And out of these graduates, 563 had Engineering and 1,223 Medical degrees. Has Government any schemes specially to absorb these engineering and medical graduates who could be taken into all kinds of nation-building services which we want to promote?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** Yes, they are taken into consideration.

**Dr. Ram Subhag Singh:** Would it be possible for Government to improve the agricultural workers' conditions so that agriculture may be in a position to absorb more and more educated youths?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** There are endless suggestions.

**Shri N. Sreekantan Nair:** Are Government in a position to know the total number of unemployed graduates and matriculates and the proportion of these people who apply to be registered in the Employment Exchanges?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** I think I have given that information. But if you want it province by province I can place that information for the benefit of the House later.

**Shri Namadas:** How many of these unemployed graduates and matriculates are scheduled caste candidates, and what steps have Government taken to employ these scheduled caste candidates?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** I would like to have notice of that question.

**Shri M. S. Gurupadaswamy:** May I know whether Government has received any report from any State that the continuation of these Employment Exchange offices is not useful and that they should be terminated?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** No, Sir.

**Shri Bahadur Singh:** May I know whether the Employment Exchanges have any option in the grant of introductory cards to the candidates registered with them?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** They have no option.

**Shri K. K. Basu:** May I know whether Government has ascertained the possibility of engaging these engineers instead of importing foreign qualified foreman-standard experts?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** That view is always there before Government.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** Has Government received complaints from any quarters as to the discretion exercised by the Employment Exchange officers in refusing to give introductory chits to some of those registered with them?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** Now and then there may be some complaints, but not often.

**Sardar Hukam Singh:** Have those officers been proceeded against?

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

**Shri Achuthas:** Have the Government any idea of persuading the State Governments to restrict the growth of the Arts colleges for some years in view of the increase in the number of unemployed graduates?

**Shri V. V. Giri:** He may refer it to some other Ministry.

#### COTTON CULTIVATION

\*876. **Dr. Ram Subbag Singh:** Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to refer to the answer given to a supplementary question to starred question No. 1101 asked on the 23rd June, 1952 regarding cotton cultivation and state the acreage of land diverted under cotton cultivation last year?

The Minister of Agriculture (**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh**): In the absence of exhaustive field to field surveys of land, it is not possible to arrive at any firm estimate of the extent of land that was actually diverted from foodgrains to cotton during 1951-52. On the basis, however, of the available data, it is roughly estimated that the maximum amount of net diversion of land from foodgrains to cotton during 1951-52 is likely to be of the order of 3.17 lakh acres. The actual diversion is, in fact, likely to be appreciably less as the above estimate is based on the extreme assumption that all the addition to the acreage under cotton was at the expense of foodgrains and not of other crops or of fallows nor due to inter-cropping.

**Dr. Ram Subbag Singh:** May I know what percentage of our total requirement of cotton is met by internal production?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** The percentage may go up to about eighty.

**Dr. Ram Subbag Singh:** What are the steps taken by Government for increasing cotton production so that the country may be self-sufficient in cotton?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** He wants to know whether there will be increased acreage under cotton cultivation so as to make India self-sufficient in cotton.

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** We are depending more upon intensive cultivation to produce more from the same acreage.

**Dr. Ram Subbag Singh:** May I know whether the prices of cotton produced here and of those purchased from foreign countries are different?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** There is very great difference. Sir.

**Dr. Ram Subbag Singh:** What is the difference between the two prices?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** It will depend on variety to variety. It is difficult to say.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** I think we are going to another subject.

**Shri S. N. Das:** What is the final estimate for production for 1951-52 and what is the overall increase over the 1947-48 production?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** For 1951-52 we have got revised figures, and that comes to over 36 lakh bales.

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** He wants the comparative figures of 1947-48 also.

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I think it is more than double that.

**Shri K. G. Deshmukh:** May I know whether there has been any increase in the area under irrigation of cotton?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** Not very much, but there are a lot of people very keen to have irrigated cotton cultivation.

**Shri K. G. Deshmukh:** May I know whether the Government of India has proposed to the State Governments to have a protected area for cotton?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** That is a matter which rests with the State Governments. So far as Madhya Pradesh is concerned I think the Government is taking up the question.

**Shri Kelappan:** In view of the fact that we are exporting cotton and cotton yarn, is it not the inference that we are producing more than our requirements?

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** So far as a particular variety viz. the short staple variety is concerned.

**Shri Velayudhan:** May I know whether diversion to cotton cultivation was responsible for decrease in the cultivation of foodgrains?

**Mr. Deputy-Speaker:** It was already answered.

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** To the limited extent that I have stated.

**Sardar Lal Singh:** The hon. Minister said that the difference in prices is due to the varieties.....

**Dr. P. S. Deshmukh:** I never said that. I did not say that the difference was due to the varieties. I said there are so many varieties that it is not possible to state in one the difference in the prices because it would be necessary to go into details.