

the Trombay Fertilizer Factory due to its operation at the time of the recent 12-day strike by the employees; and

(b) if so, the machinery damaged, the approximate cost of repairs and the cause of damage?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Chemicals and of Planning and Social Welfare (Shri Raghun Ramalah): (a) Some damage has occurred during period in question.

(b) Portions of the Screw Conveyors and sections of the Cyclone Separator and its structural support were damaged. The approximate cost of repairs is Rs. 39,000. The damage was due to the failure of the Safety alarm to indicate the rock-phosphate level in the Cyclone Separator.

Engineers

6261. Shri K. K. Nayar: Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) how many Indian engineers of all categories were employed in India as on the 31st December, 1966;

(b) how many Indian engineers remained in India without employment as on the 31st December, 1966;

(c) how many Indian engineers of all categories are likely to qualify during 1967;

(d) the percentage of those which are likely to qualify in 1967 and are expected to secure employment in India by the 31st December, 1967; and

(e) whether Government propose to find gainful employment for those who under the present conditions are likely to remain unemployed?

The Minister of Planning, Petroleum and Chemicals and Social Welfare (Shri Asoka Mehta): (a) Figures about the employment of engineers as on 31st December, 1966 have not yet been compiled. On the 30th Septem-

ber, 1963, there were 34,082 engineers employed in private sector establishments employing more than 25 persons. On the 30th September, 1964, there were 1,22,247 engineers employed in the public sector.

(b) The number of engineering graduates (including post-graduates) on the live registers of Employment Exchanges on 31.12.66 was 4,335. As regards diploma holders in engineering, information collected on an ad hoc basis pertaining to six major branches of engineering shows that there were 14,614 diploma holders on the live registers of Employment Exchanges on 30.6.1966. Since not all unemployed engineers seek assistance from the Employment Exchanges and, since among those registered, there are some who are employed but are seeking better employment, the live register statistics provide only a rough indication of the unemployment position.

(c) 14,740 graduates and 21,560 diploma holders in engineering are expected to qualify during 1967.

(d) It is not possible to estimate what percentage of those who qualify during 1967 will secure employment by the 31st December, 1967.

(e) As the developmental effort of the Plan gathers momentum and the economy develops a higher rate of growth, increasing employment opportunities thereby created should reduce the volume of unemployment to a considerable extent.

Whole-time Chairman of Scheduled Banks

6262. Shri Hardayal Devgun:
Shri Kameshwar Singh:
Shri A. Sreedharan:
Shri Shiva Chandra Jha:
Shri Madhu Limaye:

Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to appoint a whole-