

Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation's Programme for Self-Employment of Educated Unemployed

2237. SHRI PRABHUDAS PATEL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government's attention has been drawn to the Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation's programme to enable the educated unemployed to employ themselves;

(b) if so, the main features of this scheme; and

(c) whether the Centre is also requesting or directing the State Government to prepare such schemes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ZIAUR RAHMAN ANSARI): (a) Yes; Sir, This programme is being implemented by the Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation.

(b) The scheme envisages assistance to engineering graduates, skilled operators, factory employees and technical executives in industry. The scheme provides a package of assistance such as 100 per cent finance on fixed assets including land, building, machinery, preliminary and pre-operative expenses and working capital margin, moratorium on repayment of instalments, concessional rates of interest etc.

(c) The scheme has been circulated to all State Governments/Union Territories for their guidance.

M.Sc. As Cartman"

2238. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item entitled as 'M.Sc. as cartman' in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 7th January, 1973; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government are fully aware of the distressing state of unemployment among well educated persons. Apart from the programmes of economic development with an employment bias which provide the bulk of employment opportunities, several special schemes have been launched particularly with a view to tackling the unemployment problem of educated persons. In 1972-73 a provision of Rs. 90 crores has been made most of which will be for educated job-seekers. For the coming year an additional Rs. 100 crores over and above this amount is being provided to enable the creation of employment opportunities for educated unemployed.

Unemployed Engineers

2239. SHRI D. P. JADEJA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of unemployed Engineers in the country, Statewise;

(b) the extent to which the measures taken by Government to solve the problem of unemployment among engineers have succeeded;

(c) the concrete achievement made by States in the past one year to tackle the problem; and

(d) to what extent the Centre has helped the States in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) to (d). A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4408/73]