

Faulty Education Responsible for unemployment Engineers

2937. SHRI P. A. SAMINATHAN:
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Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report of the survey conducted by the Delhi Junior Chamber in which they have stated that there are 77,000 unemployed engineers in the country;

(b) if so, whether the survey has also stated that the number is likely to touch a new height of 1,00,000 by the end of Seventies;

(c) whether the survey has also stated that faulty education is responsible for this; and

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

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN): (a) to (d). No such survey has been brought to the Government's notice except reports appeared in the Press.

The precise extent of unemployment among engineers is not available at present. According to the live registers of various Employment Exchanges in the country, there were 73,115 engineers registered as job seekers as on 31st December, 1971. These figures do not, however, represent the true dimension of unemployment as registration with Employment Exchanges is voluntary and several engineers who are already in employment also register themselves for improving their career prospects. The main reason for this unemployment is the slow rate of growth in the economy. The present

indications are that there will be no surplus technical personnel at the end of the Fifth Plan period if the economy can register a growth rate of not less than 4.75 per cent.

160 Government Houses lying untenanted in Delhi

2938. SHRI B. S. BHAURA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item appeared in "Evening News" dated the 15th February, 1973 that 160 Government houses are lying untenanted in Delhi for 16 months; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government on this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI OM MEHTA): (a) Yes.

(b) 144 quarters (not 160) in type II and III have been constructed at Probyn Road but these could not be completed in all respects as necessary permission to lay sewer and water lines through the land under the control of the Military authorities could not be obtained. A proposal to exchange these quarters with property at Rajpur Road under the control of the Military Authorities is under consideration.

Installation of extruders with UNDP Assistance

2939. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India is installing four extruders with the assistance of U.N.D.P. in Assam, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa; and