

(b) No, Sir.

[English]

(c) Does not arise.

Differential Pricing**Provision of Agency to Unemployed under Self-Employment Scheme**

3876. DR. V. RAJESHWARAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

3875. SHRI JANGBIR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Public finance and policy have completed any study on subsidies provided by the Union Government;

(a) whether the Government propose to provide gas, fertilizers, seeds or any other agency to the unemployed under self-employment scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the study made;

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(c) whether there is any difference in pricing on account of these subsidies at present;

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to eliminate unemployment?

(d) if not, whether any differential pricing for sector/industry groups is proposed; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) and (b). Unemployed persons below the poverty line intending to take up agencies for dealing in Gas, fertilizer, seed or similar other items could be considered for assistance of subsidy and credit under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP). Under the Programme, however, no special efforts is made to secure such agencies for them.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Institute of Public Finance and Policy attempted a study on the unrecovered cost of public services in India: 1987-88 in November, 1990.

(c) Under Integrated Rural Development Programme, self-employment opportunities are sought to be created through provision of subsidy and credit. Besides, under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana, on an average, about 800 million mandays of employment are created annually.

(b) and (c). The study attempted to estimate the size and composition of unrecovered cost in the delivery of the services by the Central and State Governments in 1987-88. According to the study, which has focussed on social and economic services, the proportion of unrecovered costs, comparison both visible and hidden subsidies, in the total cost of social and economic services delivered by the Central Govern-