

(c) whether the Government propose to take any permanent measure to check this disease; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) :

(a) Meningitis is endemic in India and reported from different parts of the country.

(b) During 1994, 6826 cases of meningitis (Meningococcal) have been reported by some States.

(c) and (d) Active surveillance, early diagnosis and treatment of cases, efforts to improve environmental health, encouraging the practice of good personal hygienic are some of the measures taken to limit the outbreak of the disease. Vaccination against meningitis is also prescribed to prevent spread of the diseases during an outbreak.

[English]

**Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana**

501. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of State Minister of Industry was held in June, 1995 to consider the progress and success of the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana;

(b) if so, the precise observations and suggestions made at the Conference; and

(c) the follow up action taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some of the observations and suggestions made at the Conference are relaxation of age for SC/ST and women beneficiaries; Enhancement of income ceiling; Raising the ceiling on business enterprises; Additional target for State fulfilling allotted target, and that Banks may be associated with the process of scrutiny screening of the applications.

(c) Action has already been initiated.

**Unemployed Youth**

502. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL :

SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL :

Will the Minister of Minister of RURAL AREAS and EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of educated unemployed youths in rural areas, state-wise;

(b) whether provision is being made to provide employment to them on priority basis;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the targets fixed for the year 1995-96 and 1996-97

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI HARJIBHAI PATEL) :

(a) National Sample Survey has generated the estimates of unemployed for persons of age 15 years and above by level of education on the basis of NSS 43rd round (1987-88) data. The number of unemployed were estimated by applying the survey proportions on the estimated projected population of person aged 15 years and above as on 1.1.1988. A statement on the estimate of educated unemployed for the rural areas of major states only is attached because the All India estimate may not match with the one reached by adding the respective estimate of each state as smaller states have been left out while giving the individual estimated figures. The All India estimates do not include rural areas of Nagaland where the NSS 43rd round (1987-88) was not conducted.

(b) to (d) : Under Centrally sponsored scheme TRYSEM (Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment) provision is made to train rural youth from families below poverty line in relevant skills so that they can take up self/wage employment. Training is given by reputed institutions/master craftsmen. Stipend is paid to trainees and honorarium is paid to master craftsmen/training institutes. The financial outlay for 1995-96 is Rs. 45 crore. For 1996-97 the financial outlay has not been finalised.