

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Constitution of State Assembly

1728. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has received any demand from the public representatives of Andaman and Nicobar Islands for Constitution of a State Assembly of Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM LAL RAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter has been examined and it has not been found feasible to constitute a State Assembly for Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Unemployment

1729. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a target has been fixed for totally eliminating unemployment by the end of 2000;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the satisfactory progress has been achieved in this direction so far;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the annual percentage of growth rate in the job opportunities fixed for the next remaining years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAVA) : (a) and (b). No target has been fixed for totally eliminating unemployment by the end of 2000. The Eighth Five Year Plan strategy envisages generation of employment with an annual rate of growth of 2.6% to 2.8% on an average to 8.5 million addition employment opportunities per annum on an average corresponding to a rate of growth of 5.6% of the economy during this period. Continuation of the same strategies in the period 1997-2002 with the same rate of growth of the economy is expected to achieve the goal of nearful employment by the end of that period.

(c) and (d). Additional employment opportunities of the order of 18.78 million are estimated to have been created during the first three years (1992-95)

of the Eighth Plan. These implies an annual average increase of 6.26 million or growth of employment at the rate of 2.03% per annum. The estimated average annual increase in employment opportunities during 1992-95 falls short of the target of 8.5 million per annum primarily due to the shortfall in the growth rate of economy envisaged for the Eighth Plan.

(e) No annual percentage of growth rate in the job opportunities have been fixed for the next remaining years. The growth rate of employment will depend on the pace of economic growth and employment content of such growth.

[Translation]

Per Capita Income in Agriculture Sector

1730. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH :
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been sharp decline in the per capita income in agriculture sector during the last one decade;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the per capita income of the persons engaged in agricultural sector during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the funds earmarked for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAVA) : (a) and (b). The income from agriculture sector measured by gross domestic product at factor cost at 1980-81 prices increased from Rs. 42466 crores in 1980-81 to Rs. 60991 crores in 1990-91. During the same period the number of persons engaged in agriculture (cultivators and agricultural labourer) as per Census estimates increased from 148 million (1981 Census) to 185.3 million (1991 census). The per person agricultural income, therefore, has increased from Rs. 2869 in 1980-81 to Rs. 3291 in 1990-91 at 1980-81 prices.

(c) A significant shift in investment has been proposed in favour of agriculture and allied sectors in the Eighth Plan. The share of agriculture, irrigation and allied sectors has been raised from 11.23 per cent of total investment in the Seventh Plan to 18.65 per cent in the Eighth Plan.

(d) An estimated Rs. 148800 crores at 1991-92