

(c) if so, the reasons for the delay and the steps taken to expedite the finalisation of the agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI SHAHNAWAZ KHAN) : (a) to (c). The National Coal Development Corporation have agreed to run 23-B incline of Giridih Collieries with the Labour Co-operative Society on partnership basis. The Government have approved the draft agreement. It is likely to be executed shortly.

S. C. and S. T. Educated Unemployed

1265. SHRI K. S. CHAVDA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Matriculates, Under-Graduates, Graduates and Double Graduates belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes unemployed in the country as on the 1st January, 1971; and

(b) the intensive steps Government have been taken or proposed to take to

neutralise that unemployment among the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) The only information available in this regard relates to the number of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe job-seekers borne on the live register of Employment Exchanges classified by educational levels. A Statement containing this information is attached.

(b) Various development programmes in the field of agriculture, industry, irrigation and power, transport and communication, social services such as education, health and family planning and social welfare included in the Fourth Five Year Plan of the Centre and States are expected to create increasing number of employment opportunities for unemployed persons including Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Statement

| Sl. No. | Educational level | Number of job-seekers on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges as on 31-12-70. | |
|---------|---|--|------------------|
| | | Scheduled Castes | Scheduled Tribes |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | Matriculates. | 83,749 | 12,201 |
| 2. | Higher Secondary (including Intermediates/Under-graduates). | 32,759 | 5,207 |
| 3. | Graduates. | 10,830 | 1,519 |
| 4. | Post-graduates. | 1,129 | 295 |
| Total | | 1,28,467 | 19,222 |