

Unemployed Engineers

2280. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN
KADANNAPPALLI :
SHRI NIHAR LASKAR :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Engineers, Degree-holders and Diploma-holders, unemployed upto 31st May, 1971 ;

(b) the number of Engineers who got employment during the years 1969-70 and 1970-71, State-wise ; and

(c) the farther steps taken by Government to provide employment to unemployed Engineers at the earliest ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Precise estimates of the number of unemployed engineers in the country are not available. The number of engineers registered with the employment exchanges gives an indication of the extent of unemployment among them. On the 31st December, 1970, there were 16,466 engineering graduates and 47,350 engineering diploma-holders registered with the employment exchanges.

(b) No estimates of the number of engineers who got employment during the past two years, state-wise, have been made. However, from the data on the out-turn of engineers from engineering institutions and the registration of engineers with the employment exchanges during the past few years, it can be broadly reduced that about 30,000 engineers in 1969 and another 33,300 in 1970 could not get employment throughout the country.

(c) Attention of the Honourable Members is invited to the statement laid on the Table of the House in reply to Starred Question No. 46 on 31st March, 1971, which describes the steps taken by Government to tackle the problem of unemployment amongst engineers.

Exports of Textiles to U.K.

2281. SHRI SHYAMNANDAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of FOREIGN TRADE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Duty free entry into the United Kingdom of industrial goods from

developing countries has come a step nearer due to the 1971. Finance Bill of the United Kingdom ;

(b) what would be the position of cotton and some other textiles in this scheme ; and

(c) whether Government have examined its implications in terms of its total export to the United Kingdom ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (SHRI A. C. GEORGE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Cotton and silk textiles have been excluded in the offer of the United Kingdom under Generalised System of Preferences. Wollen and other textiles have been offered duty-free treatment from developing countries. Provision has been made in the Bill for Special treatment to be accorded to cotton and silk handloom articles.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Allocations for Rajasthan during Fourth Plan

2282. SHRI N. K. SANGHI : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) the total investment proposed in the Fourth Plan for Rajasthan and the percentage thereof to the total investment in the country ; and

(b) how much of the proposed investment in Rajasthan is meant for new schemes to be started in the Fourth Plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA) : (a) An outlay of Rs. 302 crores have been approved by the Planning Commission for the Fourth Five Year Plan of Rajasthan. This works out to about 4.3% to the total Fourth Plan outlay for all the States in the country.

(b) The investment on new schemes included in the State's Fourth Five Year Plan is estimated at Rs. 131 crores.

Unearthing of Foreign Exchange Markets in Trivandrum

2283. SHRI A. K. GOPALAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the total number of cases involving foreign Exchange detected by the Vigilance Wing, Trivandrum, during the year 1970 ?