

(b) if so, the reaction of State Governments thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE): (a) and (b). No Sir, there has been no request from the Punjab Government to allow them to send coarsegrains to other States on Government to Government basis without Central Government allocation.

BLOCK DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS

2250. SHRI SHRI CHAND GOEL : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in a number of States, experience is that the institution of the Block Development Officer has not been able to justify fully its existence; and

(b) if so, the measures which Government are contemplating to take to improve and fully utilise the institution of Block Development Officer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG EDUCATED PERSONS

2251. SHRI SHRI CHAND GOEL:
SHRI CHINTAMANI
PANIGRAHI :
SHRI JAGESHWAR YADAV:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to find out the number of educated and uneducated persons in the country who are wholly unemployed during the year 1967-68;

(b) the number of persons who are partially employed;

(c) the measures under 'contemplation to provide them employment; and

(d) the estimated number of the whole and partially unemployed persons at the end of the Fourth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI HATHI): (a) As part of the National Sample Survey (N.S.S.) Programme conducted during its 22nd round covering the period July, 1967 to June, 1968, particulars of employment and unemployment are being collected along with other socio-economic characteristics. Data thus collected will facilitate estimating the number of persons educated and uneducated who are wholly unemployed in the country.

(b) Estimates of the number of persons who are partially employed can also be had from the Survey referred to in (a) above, after the data has been tabulated. However, according to very rough estimates made by the Planning Commission, the total number of under-employed persons available and willing to take up additional work is reckoned at about 16 million.

(c) The various development programmes undertaken in the Annual Plans of different States as well as the Centre are likely to provide more and more employment opportunities in the coming years. Besides, the Rural Manpower Programme undertaken in these Plans is also designed to provide additional employment opportunities to agricultural labour in slack season in areas suffering from acute unemployment and under-employment through small community works.

(d) The preparatory work on the Fourth Plan is just being initiated and until the Plan is finalised, it would not be possible to estimate additional employment opportunities likely to be generated during the Plan period. It is, therefore, not possible to make any estimate of unemployment at the end of the Fourth Plan.