

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) Certain comments had appeared in the Ceylon Press though no direct protests were received.

(b) Government has since decided not to issue any postage stamp depicting the Buddha's image.

**Representation of the Small Power-Loom Operators of Sholapur**

1989. SHRI S. R. DAMANI : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any representations have been received from the small power-loom operators of Sholapur complaining about the harassment caused to them by officials of the Employees State Insurance Organisation ;

(b) if so, the details of their grievances; and

(c) whether these have been examined by Government and the result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI BHAGWAT JHA AZAD) : (a) Yes.

(b) The complaint is against coverage of their factories under the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948, by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation.

(c) Section 75 of the Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948, provides that cases of disputed coverage shall be settled by an Employees' State Insurance Court set up by the State Governments concerned. One such case was taken up to the Employees' Insurance Court which held that the Employees were liable to pay the contribution. It is however, open to other employers to take up the matter before the Employees' Insurance Court. There is no provision in the Act under which the Central Government can intervene or give any direction in such matters.

**Opening of Sub-Post Office in Andora, Maharashtra**

1990. SHRI S. R. DAMANI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the time usually taken after a deci-

sion has been given and orders passed to open a sub-post office and the formalities to be gone through before the office starts functioning ;

(b) whether Government are aware that a decision for upgradation of Andora Branch office into a Departmental sub-office taken during 1964-65 has not been implemented so far ;

(c) whether Government are also aware that even the orders issued in this connection by the Post Master General, Maharashtra Circle have been put off by the staff on the plea of "want of suitable accommodation" all these years ;

(d) whether Government would issue directions to the staff to take expeditious action in meeting the genuine needs of the people ; and

(e) when this particular sub-office will be opened for the benefit of the people of Andora ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) This will depend upon the circumstances of each case. Ordinarily if suitable accommodation is available, it will not take more than 2-3 months.

(b) to (e). The office has been upgraded with effect from 28th February, 1969.

The delay was due to suitable accommodation not being available for the post office.

**Installation of Automatic Exchanges**

1991. SHRI B. K. DAS-  
CHOWDHURY ;  
SHRI HARDAYAL DEVGUN;  
SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO ;  
SHRI RAMACHANDRA  
VEERAPPA ;  
SHRI N. K. SANGHI :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a plan for installation of more trunk automatic exchanges in the country during the Fourth Plan period has been drawn up ;

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the plan; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange which is likely to be incurred on this ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SHER SINGH) : (a) to (c). Yes. A plan to instal more trunk automatic exchanges during the IV Plan period has been drawn. The original plan envisaged installation of 28 new Trunk Automatic Exchanges in the IV Plan; but due to limited financial resources and foreign exchange, it will not be possible to achieve this target. The plans for installation of Trunk Automatic Exchanges and for providing associated long distance circuits through coaxial/microwave schemes will be worked out after the IV Plan is finalised and quantum of foreign exchange is known.

### सामुदायिक विकास योजना

1992. श्री मोलानाथ मास्टर : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार इस निष्कर्ष पर पहुँची है कि सामुदायिक विकास योजना से इसका उद्देश्य पूरा नहीं हुआ है और महत्व कम हो गया है ;

(ख) क्या मुख्य मन्त्रियों की यह राय है कि सामुदायिक विकास योजना असफल सिद्ध हुई है और इससे कदाचार में वृद्धि हुई है ; और

(ग) क्या इसके स्थान पर युवक प्रायोग की एक नई वैकल्पिक योजना बनाई जा रही है ?

खाद्य, कृषि, सामुदायिक विकास तथा सहकार मन्त्रालय में राज्य-मन्त्री (श्री एम० एस० गुणवत्स्वामी) : (क) से (ग). जी नहीं ।

### राजस्थान में बेरोजगारी

1993. श्री मोलानाथ मास्टर : क्या खाद्य तथा कृषि मन्त्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राजस्थान में

बेरोजगारी की संख्या जो 1969 में, तीसरी पंचवर्षीय योजना के अन्त में लगभग 5 लाख थी, बढ़कर 10 लाख हो गई है ।

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो इस बारे में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ; और

(ग) क्या बढ़ती हुई उस बेरोजगारी का कारण योजना तथा गैर-योजना परियोजनाओं के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा कम धन दिया गया ?

रोजगार तथा पुनर्वासि मन्त्रालय में राज्य मन्त्री (श्री भागवत भा आजाद) : (क) से (ग). यथातथ्य प्राकड़े उपलब्ध नहीं है । इस विषय में उपलब्ध जानकारी केवल राजस्थान में, नियोजन कार्यालयों के चालू रजिस्टर में दर्ज नौकरी चाहने वालों की संख्या से सम्बन्धित है, जो नीचे के अनुसार थी :—

31-3-1966 65,460

31-1-1969 87,816

चालू रजिस्ट्रों में दर्ज नौकरी चाहने वालों की संख्या में वृद्धि केवल राजस्थान विशेष की ही बात नहीं बल्कि एक देशव्यापी सत्य है ।

### Sowing of Wheat

1994. SHRI D. N. PATODIA :  
SHRI RAMACHANDRA  
VEERAPPA :  
SHRI R. R. SINGH DEO :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the failure of winter rains this year in the northern parts of the country sowing of wheat has not been done in large parts of the main wheat growing areas ;

(b) if so, whether the failure to sow in time will affect the production of rabi wheat crop ; and

(c) if so, to what extent ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI ANNASAHIB SHINDE) : (a) to (c). The paucity of rain-fall during the winter months hampered wheat sowings to some extent parti-