

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have decided to spend the unused funds on the recommendations of the elected Members of Parliament; and

(d) If not, the reasons and justifications thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No, Sir. It is not correct that funds earmarked for MPs' recommendations in the States of Bihar, U.P., Orissa and West Bengal have not been utilised for 1994-95, 1995-96.

(b) The details of funds released and expenditure incurred since the start of the Scheme, in the States of Bihar, U.P., Orissa and West Bengal are as under :

(Rs. Lakhs)

State	Release	Expenditure
		(As on 31.3.96 based on information received upto (17.6.1996)
Bihar	15515.0	6826.4
Uttar Pradesh	24440.0	12797.6
Orissa	6250.0	2034.8
West Bengal	11985.0	4359.1

(c) and (d). The matter regarding the utilisation of the unspent funds for recommendations made by erstwhile MPs of the Tenth Lok Sabha is under consideration of Government. As for the newly-elected/re-elected MPs of the Eleventh Lok Sabha, they will be entitled to an amount to the tune of Rs. 1 crore for the current financial year for implementing their recommendations.

[Translation]

#### Unemployment

843. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH :  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD :  
SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :

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

(a) whether unemployment in the country is increasing tremendously;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government propose to have a policy programme initiative to create more jobs to check the growth of unemployment;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the targets fixed for each of the five year plan to remove the unemployment;

(f) the total number of educated unemployed;

(g) whether there is any proposal to provide unemployment allowance;

(h) if so, the total annual expenditure likely to be incurred as a result thereof; and

(i) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (e). Estimates of unemployment are based on the comprehensive employment and unemployment surveys conducted at roughly quinquennial intervals by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). Comparable estimates of unemployment (Usual Principal Status) based on successive surveys conducted are given below :

NSS Round (Year)	Unemployment (million)
32nd Round (1977-78)	10.79
38th Round (1983)	7.96
43rd Round (1987-88)	11.53

Recent trends in unemployment will be known when the results of the 50th Round NSSO survey conducted in 1993-94 are finalised.

Expansion of employment opportunities through growth of sectors and sub-sectors with high employment intensity such as agriculture, agro and rural industries, rural infrastructure, small and decentralised manufacturing sector, urban informal sector and services and through special employment programme is a thrust area in the Eighth Five Year Plan. Employment generation will continue to be a thrust area in the Ninth Plan also.

(f) Educated unemployment was estimated to be 4.5 million in 1987-88 according to the 43rd Round Survey of NSSO.

(g) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Central Government.

(h) Does not arise.

(i) It is felt that available resources should be spent on creation of additional employment opportunities through faster growth of the economy supplemented by special employment schemes where necessary rather than on payment of unemployment allowance.