

Title: Need for a comprehensive social security scheme in the country.

DR. NITISH SENGUPTA (CONTAI): Sir, our Government needs to introduce a comprehensive social security system as it prevails in almost all western democracies. It gives social security and other benefits to unemployed people apart from providing medical insurance at the cost of the State. The reason for non-existence of such a scheme, over 50 years of our independence, is financial implications. We can overcome this difficulty once we face this problem. The Government should, therefore, enter into discussion with all concerned, both in public and private sectors and also with the NGOs, various insurance companies and start the social security system which will offer at least some unemployment allowance and medical assistance. It is certain that it will also make it easier for the Government to shed off excess manpower in the Government and introduce VRS effectively in public sector organisations, etc. This should not be delayed any longer and taken up seriously and in right earnest.
