

"That this House do agree with the Tenth Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 7th August, 1985."

The motion was adopted.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER : The House stands adjourned for lunch to reassemble at 2.05 p.m.

13.04 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for lunch till five minutes past fourteen of the Clock.

The Lok Sabha reassembled after lunch at seven minutes past fourteen of the clock.

[MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER *in the chair*]

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[*English*]

- (i) Need to provide adequate funds and technical assistance to Kerala State for setting up a network of Industries based on rubber, Cardamom pepper and coconut etc.

SHRI K. MOHANDAS (Mukundapuram) : Kerala is an industrially backward State. This is one of the very few States where the Central investment is far below the national average. Non-investment in the industrial sector has kept the economy backward and thus over a period of time the number of unemployed persons has increased phenominally.

Kerala's economy is basically agrarian and cash crops like rubber, coconut, etc., are its mainstay. This sector has a very limited employment potential and hence cannot absorb even a small fraction of the total number of unemployed people which is somewhere in the region of 25 lakhs. Presence of such a large workforce in a state of idleness may create social tensions and strife.

One way to tackle the problem of unemployment is to spend up the industrilisation of the State. A State which is earning valuable foreign exchange for the country deserves better treatment at the hands of the Centre. Kerala abounds in different kinds of cash crops, agricultural crops and fruits. Agro-based industries have tremendous scope in that State. A network of industries based on rubber, cardamom, pepper, coconut products fruits etc. can be set up there which will provide employment to the people as well as bring about economic development in the state.

Therefore, I would request the Central Government to provide adequate funds and other technical assistance for setting up these industries.

- (ii) Need to provide funds to Rajasthan for vigorously implementing self-employment programme for educated unemployed youth.

SHRI RAM SINGH YADAV (Alwar) : The self-employment programme for educated unemployed youth as introduced by late beloved Leader Smt. Indira Gandhi proved to be a boon to the youth of the country. It has benefited a large number of unemployed educated youth all over the nation. District industries centres have formulated the various projects of different trades and approved the modalities for implementing the above mentioned programme. Unemployment is the basic problem in the country and its recurrence is higher in percentage amongst the educated youth. The programme provides incentives for economic self-reliance and creates a hope of future settlement in life among the younger generation of the nation. This programme needs priority in comparison to other programmes which are meant eradicate unemployment. The Number of educated youth registered with employment exchanges in the country is rapidly increasing. The self-employment programme gives self-confidence and economic self-reliance on one hand and on the other hand removes the discon-