

[*Translation*]

Talks with Militants of Punjab

*28. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI KUSUMA KRISHNA
MURTHY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have given an open invitation to the militants in Punjab for talks;

(b) if so, whether the Government have given an assurance for providing security to such persons coming for talks;

(c) whether the Government have received any indication of acceptance of this invitation for talks; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b). Government have publicly indicated their willingness to talk to any-one to find a solution to the Punjab problem without compromising the integrity and unity of the country and the basic principles of the constitution.

(c) No formal response has been received from the militants.

(d) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Right to Work as a Fundamental Right

29. SHRI RAJAMOHAN REDDY:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN
PANDEYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to make the right to work a Fundamental Right;

(b) the progress made in this regard so far;

(c) whether the provision regarding unemployment allowance is proposed to be included in the national policy of Government; and

(d) if so, when and the monthly quantum thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN): (a) to (d). The Planning Commission is seized of the issue in the context of generating more employment opportunities for all concerned.

[*Translation*]

Increase in Prices of News-Print

*30. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Union Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "New Print Ki Barhti Keemton Se Chhote-Majhoule Patron Ko pareshani" appearing in the Hindustan, dated January 25, 1991;

(b) if so, the details of the effective steps taken by the Government to check the rising prices of news-print; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?