

above are as under :

	Rural		Urban	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Employed	87.3	38.0	77.1	18.5
Unemployed	2.0	2.3	5.3	4.1

(b) Information on unemployed persons during the Sixth Five Year Plan period is not available. However, the number of job-seekers (not all of

whom are unemployed) on the Live Registers of Employment Exchanges and their percentage increase for the years 1980 to 1984 are as under :—

Year	No. of persons registered with the Emp. Exchanges (in lakhs)	Percentage increase over the previous
1980	162.00	13.0
1981	178.38	10.1
1982	197.51	10.7
1983	219.53	11.1
1984	235.47	7.3

#### Curbing the growth of slums

\*195. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any plans control the supply of water and to shw audio visuals of appalling living conditions in slums to the rural population as effective methods for curbing growth of slums ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR):

(a) and (b). The programme for improvement of water supply is being executed through the various schemes under implementation. For improvement of living conditions in slums, the Scheme for Environmental Improvement of Slum areas is in operation. These programmes, alongwith other developmental programmes are being given publicity through various media.

#### Pit-cultivation Technology for Sugarcane Cultivation

\*196. SHRI R P. DAS : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether pit-cultivation technology has proved its superiority over conventional sugarcane cultivation in Terai and in Punjab ;

(b) whether this technology is being adopted in other parts of the country ; and

(c) if so, the names of the States and the results achieved so far from pit-cultivation technology ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (S. BUTA SINGH) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir, Experiment on pit cultivation technology have been conducted by the Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow for sometime now and found to give

superior yields to conventional sugarcane cultivation. However, more elaborate experiments are being planned to compare this method with the conventional technologies and its results are yet to be confirmed.

[*Translation*]

**Financial Assistance to States under IRDP, NREP, RLEGP and TRYSEM**

\*197. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government provide financial assistance to States for implementing Integrated Rural Development Programme, National Rural Employment Programme, Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme and Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment programme ;

(b) if so, the break-up of the funds

allotted to States for 1985-86 ; and

(c) the State-wise break-up of the persons benefited by these programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR) : (a) Yes, Sir, 50% of the total allocation of funds to States under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and for strengthening training infrastructure under TRYSEM and 100% of that under Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) are provided by the Government of India. In case of Union Territories 100% funds are provided by Government of India under all these programmes. Funds required for training of youth and subsidy to such youths under TRYSEM are met out of IRDP budget.

(b) and (c). A statement is given below.