has found out from these laboratories whether this could be applied to some of the crops.

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: We have developed tissue culture in this country and there are certain plants where it is very successful and in certain other plants, it is on an experimental basis. Unless we are sure of its advantage, we cannot do it on a commercial basis. At present we have done it in coconut and in other areas also. In palm it is very successful. But to maintain the genetic purity of the plant we have to see whether it remains the same or not. Therefore, before doing it commercially, we have to look into all these problems.

SHRI C. MADHAV REDDI: Where it has been successful, what efforts have been made to see that it is further encouraged and is applied?

SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA: This is basically for multiplication. Multiplication of particular plants takes time and, therefore, we resort to tissue culture method, and wherever it is necessary, we have done it. In the case of flowers, in the case of palm, in the case of some medicinal plants and aromatic plants also, tissue culture is being resorted to multiplication is done and it is given to the farmers.

Development of Hyderabad and Secunderabad

*814. SHRIMATI N. P. JHANSI LAKSHMI : DR. T. KALPANA DEVI :

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Union Government have received any proposal from Government of Andhra Pradesh for sanction of Rs. 820 crores for the development of the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secundarabad in Andhra Pradesh;
- , (b) if so, the response of Union Government in this regard; and

(c) the amount allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) to (c). The Government of Andhra Pradesh included a proposal for twin cities' development in their draft annual plan for 1987-88. The proposed outlay was Rs. 885 lakhs. The scheme was discussed in the Working Group discussions for the annual plan, in the Planning Commission. The exact amount to be allocated for this scheme is yet to be finalised.

SHRIMATI N. P. JHANSI LAKSHMI: I would like to know from the Hon. Minister how much time it will take for the Centre to finalise the scheme and release the funds.

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: I cannot give the time, by what time it will be finalised. As soon as it is finalised, funds will be released.

Unemployed rural labour

*815. SHRI K. RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRI-CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the trend of unemployment among the rural labour during 1986; and
- (b) the percentage of rural labour unemployed at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b). A statement is given below.

Statement

As per the Seventh Plan Document the unemployment in the rural areas in March, 1985 was estimated at 4.97 million (3.76 rural males+1.21 rural females) for the age group of five plus. The percentage of unemployed to the labour force in the rural areas according to usual status as given in