

(b) and (c) The Government had set up an Expert Group on Conversion of Coal to Gaseous and Liquid Fuels whose report has been submitted in May, 1984. The Expert Group has inter alia recommended that in view of the varied nature of Indian coals and various required-end uses, no single process technology can serve India's need and it may be necessary to go in for different technologies.

BHEL has a plan to set up 150-200 tonne per day fluidised bed gasification pilot plant to provide operating data for design and setting up of large scale plants.

SHRI UTTAM RATHOD : While replying, they have said :

"The Expert Group has inter alia recommended that in view of the varied nature of Indian coals and various required end uses, no single process technology can serve India's need and it may be necessary to go in for different to technologies."

while replying to (a) it has been said :-

"Regional Research Laboratory, Hyderabad has commissioned a 24 tonne per day fixed bed pressure gasification plant.....and BHEL is putting up a 150 tonnes per day fixed-bed pressure gasification plant."

Do you think that these two technologies will serve our needs? If not, what do you contemplate to do in future?

SHRI DALBIR SINGH : As is apparent this will not serve the needs of the country. The experiments are in the initial stage. These are the pilot projects which have been initiated. Let us have a good beginning and let us hope in future we will be able to go a long way.

SHRI UTTAM RATHOD : I am happy that the reply is optimistic. It is said that in Russia they have developed a technology which is found very useful. May I know

from the hon. Minister, if they have tried to get this technology and find out if it is suitable for our purpose also.

SHRI DALBIR SINGH : We will adopt any technology developed in any country found suitable for Indian conditions.

PROF. RUP CHAND PAL : In view of the fact that the Expert Group on conversion of Coal to Gaseous and Liquid Fuels have submitted report in may, 1984, May I know from the hon. Minister as it involves different types of technologies, and no single process technology can serve India's needs, is it a fact that some expert scientists and others are being sent abroad in the near future to have knowledge about all these technologies by which conversion is made?

SHRI DALBIR SINGH : The suggestion of the hon. Member will be kept in view.

Prof Rud Chand Pal : It has come in the press.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR : Some of the delegates have been sent.

देश में बेजगारी

*235. **श्री हेमवती नन्दन बहुगुणा :** क्या श्रम और पुनर्वास मन्त्री निम्नलिखित जानकारी दर्शाने वाला विवरण सभा पटल पर रखने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में इस समय कुल कितने व्यक्ति बेरोजगार हैं और उनमें से शहरी और ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में अलग-अलग कितने व्यक्ति बेरोजगार हैं;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने ग्रामीण इलाकों में बड़े पैमाने पर फैलो बेरोजगारी को दूर करने के लिए उपाए हैं; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो वर्ष 1980 से आज तक कितने बेरोजगार व्यक्तियों को रोजगार दिया गया है और तत्संबंधी और क्या है ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI DHARAMAVIR) : (a) The number of persons usually unemployed in March, 1980 is estimated to be 12.02 millions, of which 7.22 millions were in the rural areas and 4.80 millions in the urban areas. The data regarding number of such persons as in 1983 is under tabulation.

(b) Apart from generation of increasing employment opportunities in Agriculture and other sectors, Government has started the following major programmes for giving direct employment :—

- (i) Extension of Integrated Rural Development Programme ;
- (ii) Extension of the National Rural Employment Programme ;
- (iii) Scheme for Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment ; and
- (iv) The Rural Laneless Employments Guarantee Programme.

(c) The available information for some of the above Schemes is as follows :—

(Figures in million)

Year	IRDP No. of families covered.	National Rural Employment Programme Manday; of employment generated.	TRYSEM No. of persons who settled down in self employment.
1980-81	2.73	414	0.046
1981-82	2.71	355	0.093
1982-83	3.46	350	0.131
1983-84	3.69	302*	0.080*
1984-85	N.A.	43*	N.A.

*Provisional

**As per reports received so far.

NA : Not available.

SHRI H.N. BAHUGUNA : Sir, my Question was, what is the number of unemployed people, at present. The hon. Minister chose to give the reply with regard to 1980. As on date, 22 million people are registered as unemployed in the employment exchanges. Therefore, his reply has hardly any relevance to the exact position with regard to the magnitude of the problem. More-over, this figure is totally out of date. I do not know why he could not give me figures which have earlier been given to this House and which are already kept in the book, Annual Review of the Ministry itself.

(2) I want to know as to how many people of these unemployed people in the urban areas are technically trained people—doctors, technicians, engineers, skilled and semi-skilled people.

In part (b), the hon. Minister says, they have increased employment opportunities in agriculture and allied sectors. In what manner, they have increased employment in agriculture, I would like to know. And in what manner the allied sectors, i.e. blacksmithy carpentry, soap-making, small industry, village industry and cottage industry are being demarcated? Have they been demarcated in any manner legally or otherwise and has large scale industry been stopped from producing those elements so that these things can become more employment-oriented and make an impact in the rural areas? I therefore want to know exactly from the Minister, what has been the investment made by the Government and the strategy and the policy being followed by this Government to achieve this result.

SHRI DHARAMAVIR : Sir, the hon. Member wanted to know about the details of unemployed persons registered in the urban areas. I do not know about which year the hon. Member wanted to know. That he did not mention.

SHRI H.N. BAHUGUNA : At present.

SHRI DHARMAVIR : At present for this year 1984, 22.6 million people are registered in the employment exchanges.

Regarding other programmes which are going on in the rural areas, I understand that the hon Member knows very well about the programmes that are going on the village areas. Under these programmes, the problem of unemployment is being tackled. I do not want to go into details because, I have already mentioned the number of programmes in my answer like NREP, IRDP, RLEGP and TRYSEM. There are many programmes which are going on in the rural areas though which we are trying to solve the present acute problem of unemployment in the country.

श्री हेमवती नन्दन बहुगुणा : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं हिन्दी में पूछूंगा।

प्रो० मधु वंडवते : हिन्दी में गलत जवाब आयेगा।

श्री हेमवती नन्दन बहुगुणा : अंग्रेजी में जब सवाल का जवाब गलत आ गया, तो शायद हिन्दी में ही सही आ जाये।

मैंने सवाल पूछा कि इसमें ऐसे लोग कितने हैं जो डक्टर हैं, इंजीनियर हैं लेकिन मंत्री जी ने जवाब नहीं दिया। फिर पुराने सवाल के हिस्से का जवाब भी मांगा है कि सैमी-स्किल्ड और स्किल्ड जो लोग ट्रेन्ड हैं, वह कितने हैं ?

मैं मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूँ कि.....

श्री धर्मवीर : अध्यक्ष महोदय समय समाप्त हो रहा है, मैं चाहता हूँ बहुगुणा जी जल्दी पूछ लें ताकि मैं जवाब दे सकूँ।

श्री हेमवती नन्दन बहुगुणा : दुर्भाग्य है इस सवाल का कि अनएम्पलायमेंट अभी बाकी रहेगी इसलिए मैं लाचार हूँ। मैं यही जानना

चाहता हूँ कि अन-एम्पलायमेंट किस योजना तक भारत में समाप्त हो जायेगी, मंत्री महोदय बता दें ?

श्री धर्मवीर : मेरी भाषा शायद बहुगुणा जी के समझ में नहीं आई। कई बार उन्होंने प्लान का कार्य किया भी है। प्लान में एस्टीमेट लगाये जाते हैं और उसके आधार पर कार्यक्रम निर्धारित किए जाते हैं। आप अच्छी तरह जानते हैं कि एक तरफ हम नई योजनाओं के आधार पर बेकारी दूर करते हैं तब तक हमारी जन्म की दर फिर बढ़ जाती है। इसलिए यह कहना मेरे लिए ही नहीं, बहुगुणा जी के लिए भी मुमकिन नहीं है कि किस योजना तक इस समस्या का समाधान हो जायेगा।

MR. SPEAKER : Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

*228. श्री रामावतार शास्त्री : क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हिमाचल प्रदेश और कुछ अन्य राज्यों ने अपनी पन बिजली परियोजनाओं के कार्यान्वयन के लिए विदेशी सहायता प्राप्त करने के लिए भारत सरकार की अनुमति मांगी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

ऊर्जा मंत्री (श्री पी० शिव शंकर) : (क) से (ग) राज्य सरकारों से विदेशी सहायता के लिए समय-समय पर प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हो रहे हैं।