

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी यह एग्रीकल्चर-फाइव ईयर प्लान है इस में बैकवर्ड एरियाज के सम्बन्ध में कहा गया है—

‘The first step naturally would be to identify the backward areas on which efforts are to be concentrated.’

लेकिन अभी मंत्री महोदय ने कहा कि बैकवर्ड एरियाज को आइडेन्टिफाई किया जा चुका है—इन परस्पर विरोधी वक्तव्यों का सन्तुलन मंत्री महोदय कैसे बैठाने है ? मैं यह भी जानना चाहता हूँ कि महाराष्ट्र सरकार जो दो बम्बई निर्माण करने की योजना बना रही है क्या उस से पिछड़े हुए इलाकों का विकास होगा ?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA The hon Member may be aware that the National Development Council had constituted two committees to go into the aspect on the basis of the report mainly known as Wanchoo Committee report. Industrially backward areas were identified on the basis of that report. What we have suggested here is very much consistent with the reply I have given to the hon Member earlier. We have requested all State Governments to identify these areas because we are interested in district plans. After the identification of the natural resources and manpower we will formulate schemes for integrated development which will help us in developing these areas. Therefore, there is no inconsistency whatsoever. Regarding the second question about Bombay, I entirely agree that wherever the cities are over-urbanised there should be no further urbanisation or industrial activity in the city because it creates several problems and social tensions.

SHRI P M SAYEED Laccadive is one of the backward regions in the country. In many of the backward regions we notice that the infra-

structure for development have not been established. Of course, the hon Minister takes interest in Laccadive and he has been instrumental in getting us a ship. I want to know whether the provision of the infrastructure for Laccadive will be taken into consideration in the Fifth Plan.

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA Yes, Sir.

SHRI INDER J MALHOTRA The main occupation in the backward areas is agriculture. May I know whether any special survey has been conducted as to what other subsidiary industries can be developed in those areas in addition to agriculture?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA We have requested the State Governments to carry out special surveys. While formulating our schemes and programmes for educated unemployed, we are trying to carry out several surveys which will help us in identifying the areas.

SHRI KRISHNA CHANDRA HALDER Bankura and Purulea are the two most backward districts of West Bengal. What concrete steps are the government going to take to develop these backward regions of West Bengal?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA As I have stated in my reply the Central Government can give some assistance or some subsidy but the primary responsibility is that of the State Government to take up several schemes. But I can assure the House that for the development of the backward areas the Central Government will not have only sympathies, we are prepared to give concrete help for development.

**Plans to provide jobs to unemployed persons registered with the Employment Exchanges**

\*122 SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be

pleased to state:

(a) the total number of unemployed job seekers in the live registers of Employment Exchanges throughout the country as on 31st December, 1972 Statewise; and

(b) the broad outline of the proposed Plan to give jobs this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) and (b). A statement is laid on the Table of the House [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4301/73].

SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA: I wanted to know the total number of unemployed job-seekers. The Minister says that the number of job-seekers registered with the Employment Exchanges for December 1972 has not been finalised. In view of the alarming magnitude of the unemployment in the country due to the wrong policies of the government, has the government any proposal to give unemployment dole or allowance to the unemployed persons until they are provided with jobs? If the answer is in the negative, what is the reason for that?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA: The problem of unemployment is no doubt serious. But it will not be possible for the government to give any doles. We are trying to create jobs and self-generating employment and it is through these efforts that we shall meet the challenge.

SHRI AJIT KUMAR SAHA: Will the hon. Minister kindly give us the details of the schemes, so far as West Bengal is concerned, namely, the amount allotted and the persons likely to be employed in each scheme?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA: I require notice for this.

SHRI JAGANNATHA RAO: The statement laid on the Table of the House does not appear to be realistic. Is it not a fact that people who secure employment do not get their names

removed from the register in the hope of getting better jobs? Secondly, is it also not a fact that some people do not renew their cards and keep their names in the live register out of sheer disgust? So, will the hon. Minister say that the register is realistic?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA: It is very much true that the live registers maintained by the employment exchanges do not give a correct picture of the unemployment position. There are many who get disgusted and do not renew their names. Then there are some who retain their names in the register even though they have secured jobs in order to secure better jobs. Therefore, government is taking some measures so that the correct picture may be available to the country.

SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DAS MUNSI: In view of the pressing unemployment problem, is it not a fact that the Planning Commission has approved a scheme to provide employment to five lakhs unemployed between 1st April 1973 and 31st March 1974?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA: Yes, Sir. Government have resolved that over and above the existing programmes we shall provide jobs or self-generating employment for 5 lakhs educated unemployed in the country during the year 1973-74.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : अध्यक्ष महोदय मैं आपकी अनुमति से जानना चाहता हूँ जो स्टेटमेंट मंत्री जी ने रखा है उसमें 68 लाख 95 हजार लोगों के नाम रोजगार दफ्तर में लिखे हैं और 5 लाख लोगों को आप साल भर में काम देने तो जितने नाम इस रजिस्टर में कम होंगे उससे ज्यादा नाम और दर्ज हो जायेंगे—ऐसी परिस्थिति में क्या सरकार और विस्तृत योजनाएँ बनाने जा रही हैं ? पिछले साल आपने घोषणा की थी कि हर जिले में एक हजार लोगों को काम दिया जायेगा लेकिन दो साल होने

के बाद अभी तक सौ श्राद्धियों को भी काम नहीं मिला है। दूसरी बात यह है कि जो लोग अपने नाम रजिस्टर करवाते हैं उनको दो महीने बाद फिर से अपना नाम लिखवाना पड़ता है तो क्या आप कोई ऐसे नियम बनाने जा रहे हैं कि एक बार नाम लिखाने के बाद साल भर तक उसका नाम रजिस्टर में दर्ज माना जायेगा क्योंकि दो महीने के बाद लोग जा नहीं पाते हैं ?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA: I have stated very clearly that over and above the existing schemes we shall provide employment for five lakhs educated unemployed. The existing schemes are also providing employment. It will be possible for us to give some clear picture after a few days because the schemes have already been taken up. I have no doubt that these various schemes, both in the rural and urban areas, will provide employment to a considerable extent.

श्री हुकम चन्द कछवाय : अध्यक्ष महोदय मैं ने पूछा था कि हर दो महीने के बाद लोगों को अपना नाम लिखवाना पड़ता है वरना उसका नाम कट जाता है। काफी लोगों ने अपने नाम लिखा रखे हैं लेकिन उनके नाम कट गए हैं। (ध्वजघान)

श्री नरसिंह नारायण पांडे : क्या मंत्री महोदय इस बात पर विचार करने के लिए तैयार हैं कि जिले की लेबिल पर जिन लोगों ने एम्प्लायमेंट एक्सचेंज में लाइव रजिस्टर में अपने नाम दर्ज कराए हैं वे किस नेचर के एम्प्लायमेंट चाहते हैं और फाइव ईयर प्लान में कौन सी योजनाएं निर्धारित कर रहे हैं जिससे कि जिले के पैमाने पर उनको रोजगार दिया जा सके ?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA: We shall examine this matter.

SHRI K MALLANNA Is it not a fact that the educated unemployment, especially among the medical and engineering graduates, is mounting up high? What are the schemes adopted by the Government to provide employment for these technical graduates?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA It is all given in the reply.

SHRI MANORANJAN HAZRA May I know from the hon Minister what is the plan to cope with the situation in the rural unemployment which is increasing day by day?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA We have taken up several schemes, including crash schemes for rural employment, marginal farmers' development agency, small farmers' development agency, drought prone areas schemes and dry area schemes. The allegation that the crash employment schemes have not been found to be useful is not correct. These employment schemes have proved to be very useful and every State is demanding additional outlays for these schemes.

श्री राम सिंह नाव वर्मा : क्या रोजगार कार्यालयों को आप यह हिदायत देंगे कि जिन परिवारों में कोई कमाने वाला नहीं उन्हें रोजगार देने में प्राथमिकता दी जाये ?

SHRI MOHAN DHARIA: Yes, Sir. We are requesting all the employing agencies, so that priority is given to such families where there is no earning member.

DR. RANEN SEN: May I know (a) whether the Government has got any estimation as to the proportion of the number of people whose names appear in the live register to the total number of unemployed in the country, and

(b) what is the actual definition of the term 'educated unemployed'?

**SHRI MOHAN DHARIA:** A survey was held and according to that survey, it is stated that about ten per cent of the people have not enrolled their names in the live register. Even then we are making further scrutiny as we are ourselves not satisfied.

Secondly, regarding the definition of the word 'educated', all those who have passed matriculation or secondary examination or above that are treated as 'educated'.

**SHRI B. K. DASCHOWDHURY:** I appreciate the anguish and anxiety of the hon. Minister to create jobs for the unemployed people, both in the urban and in the rural sector. But the statement laid down by the hon. Minister is very dismal. On page 2 of the statement, it is said that for 1971-72, Rs. 31 crores were incurred and 80 million man-days of employment scope was created; for 1972-73, the allocation was to the extent of Rs. 48.9 crores; and upto January 1973, only Rs. 23 crores have been spent creating 62 million man-days of employment. I would like to know from the hon. Minister why, while more allocation has been made in the current year's budget, the State Governments have not been in a position to spend these increased allocations and create more employment scope. What are the reasons for that? I would also like to know whether the Government of India or the Planning Commission has got any power or authority to go into the matter and create the scope for more and more employment.

**SHRI MOHAN DHARIA:** The question relates to crash programmes for rural employment. As the House may be aware, it is after the rainy season that the whole programme picks up real speed. The figures are upto January. In the months of January, February and March, I am told that the amount will be exhausted on

these programmes and there will not be any shortfall.

#### Regional disparities in the country

\*123. **SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA:** Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the latest assessment of the Planning Commission regarding the regional disparities in the country with particular reference to Rajasthan;

(b) whether they have increased during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the latest State-wise figure of per capita income at current prices with the base year 1965?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (**SHRI MOHAN DHARIA**): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-4302/73.]

**SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA:** As is evident from the statement placed on the Table of the House, the Rajasthan State has lagged behind. May I know from the hon. Minister whether it is not a fact that the whole Rajasthan State, coming out of the princely order, for historical and geographical reasons, has lagged behind and if so, what steps Government or the Planning Commission propose to take for the development of the State of Rajasthan, specially in view of the circumstances mentioned by me?

**SHRI MOHAN DHARIA:** As a country we are looking at all the backward States and areas, and as I have stated earlier, on the basis of the National Development Council's formula, we are giving all possible Central assistance, we are identifying rural districts which are industrially backward districts, and rural programmes like marginal farmers' development agency and small farmers' development agency have been taken up; particularly for Rajasthan