

हर संभव प्रयत्न करने के बावजूद प्रतीक्षा सूत्रिया बनाने और परिणामस्वरूप विलम्ब से बचा नहीं जा सकता ।

Reserve Bank Study on Rural Employment

*79. SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI : Will the Minister of LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state .

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a recent study by the Reserve Bank to the effect that not much headway has been made in rural employment in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons for this ; and

(c) what effective steps are being proposed to overcome this ?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) and (b). The Honourable Member is probably referring to the Article "Rural Industries in the Indian Economy" published in the January, 1971 Issue of the Reserve Bank of India Bulletin. The conclusion that not much headway has been made in regard to rural employment is not strictly warranted on the basis of the facts stated in study which is confined only to a few selected rural industries and does not take into account the wide spectrum of developmental activities undertaken in the rural areas. Even a large number of other small-scale industries and those covered by the rural industries projects have not been taken account of. The limitations of the data on which this conclusion is based have clearly been admitted in Appendix II to the article. Moreover the part played by rural industries in the generation of employment opportunities in the rural sector is only a fraction of the total employment generated as a result of various other development programmes in agriculture and allied fields which also do not seem to find a place in the study.

(c) In addition to the increasing emphasis on small scale industries including those under the rural industries projects, a

number of special schemes designed for the benefit of small farmers and agricultural labourers have been taken up with a view reducing unemployment and underemployment in rural areas. These include among others, schemes for development of small farmers, dry farming, dairy development, are a development and rural works programme. More recently a crash programme for rural employment, with an outlay of Rs.50 crores for 1971-72, which envisages the employment of a minimum of 1,000 persons in each district, has been approved and will be implemented forthwith. Implementation of these special schemes would not only enable the weaker sections of the rural population to participate in the process of development and share in the benefits of economic growth but will also lend buoyancy to the economy thereby creating larger employment opportunities.

The Planning Commission have set up a high level Central Committee for coordination of rural development and employment to review the progress of these schemes periodically with a view to ensuring their efficient and prompt execution.

Implementation of Recommendations of Central Government Wage Board for Engineering in Orissa

*80. SHRI D. K. PANDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state .

(a) whether Government of Orissa have implemented the Government of India's notification on the recommendations of the Central Wage Board for Engineering Industries; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) and (b). In pursuance of the Central Government's Resolution on the Wage Board's Report, the Government of Orissa arranged talks between the employers and workers but no agreement could be arrived at. The State Government thereafter set up a Committee which made recommendations after examining the various viewpoints. The recommendations of this Committee have been accepted and notified by the State Government for implementation by the concerned interests.