

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the U.S.S.R. have agreed to the suggestion to buy spare parts of MIG made in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JAGJIVAN RAM): (a) and (b). The British Jaguar is one of the three types of aircraft under consideration for the replacement of the ageing fleet of Hunters and Canberas. No decision about the particular aircraft to be selected for the purpose has yet been taken.

(c) and (d). The possibility of India supplying to the USSR some of the MIG spare parts manufactured in India has been explored recently. However, no concrete proposals have emerged so far.

Employment Potential created in 1977-78

*157. SHRI D. B. PATIL:
SHRI YUVRAJ:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state;

(a) in view of Government's pledge to eradicate unemployment in ten years, what was the employment potential created State-wise in 1977-78; and

(b) out of the potential created, what was the extent of actual employment provided for?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a) and (b). Employment in India has two components: employment in the organised sector, and employment in the unorganised sectors.

Organised sector employment is mainly whole-time wage employment. Unorganised employment is mainly part-time or irregular employment.

It has been estimated that organised employment in 1978 is roughly 24.8 million. Unorganised employment is roughly 240.05 million out of the total workforce of 265.3 million.

Organised employment has been growing at the rate of about 6.6 lakhs a year during the last 7 years, mainly in the public sector. Exact figures of the growth of organised sector employment in the year 1977-78 are not yet available.

As regards unorganised employment, the first estimates were made for March 1978. Therefore, growth during the year 1977-78 has not been estimated. But hereafter rough estimates would be available every year from March 1979 onwards.

Steps have been taken to get regular data on employment generation schemewise and Statewise. They would also be available from the next financial year.

U.N.D.P. assistance in introduction of Hydraulic Mining in Coal Fields

*158. SHRI M. RAM GOPAL REDDY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have sought the assistance of UNDP in introducing hydraulic mining in its coal fields; and

(b) if so, the response from UNDP?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI P. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Theft of Platinum

*159. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI K. B. CHHETTRI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that platinum worth several thousand rupees has