

Insurance for Jobless

*203. **Shri M. R. Krishna:** Will the Minister of Labour and Rehabilitation be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated the scheme to introduce insurance for the jobless people; and

(b) when the scheme will be put into operation and what will be the financial commitments for this venture?

The Minister of Labour and Rehabilitation (Shri Hathi): (a) A proposal to introduce a scheme of unemployment insurance for persons who are employed but may lose employment is under consideration.

(b) No decision has yet been taken in the matter as details of the Scheme are still being worked out.

Privy Purses

*204. **Shri Surendranath Dwivedy:**
Shri Hem Barua:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta:
Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri K. N. Pandey:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri Onkar Singh:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the demand from a large section of the public as well as from some political parties and State Governments for the abolition of privy purses of the ex-rulers and other privileges enjoyed by them; and

(b) whether Government have reconsidered this problem and would introduce any legislation in this regard?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) and (b). Government are aware of the feeling in some sections of the public and some political parties in this regard. There is

no proposal to abolish the privy purses. The question of the personal privileges, however, is being examined in the light of the changed social conditions in the country. The Government intend holding discussions with some of the leading princes in this regard.

Sheikh Abdullah

*205. **Shri D. C. Sharma:**
Shri Kanwar Lal Gupta:
Shri E. S. Vidyarthi:
Shrimati Tarkeshwari Sinha:
Shri Indrajit Gupta:
Shri Yashpal Singh:
Shri S. C. Samanta:
Shri Bibhuti Mishra:
Shri K. N. Tiwary:
Shri Bharat Singh Chauhan:
Shri Ram Singh Ayarwal:
Shri Hukam Chand Kachwal:
Shri George Fernandes:
Shri Madhu Limaye:
Shri J. H. Patel:
Shri Ram Kishan Gupta:
Shri Atam Das:
Shri Arjun Singh Bhadoria:
Shri Ram Sewak Yadav:
Shri Prakash Vir Shastri:
Shri Raghuvir Singh Shastri:
Shri Sidheshwar Prasad:
Shri A. K. Gopalan:
Shri P. Gopalan:
Shri P. Ramamurti:
Shri Vishwa Nath Pandey:
Shri K. M. Madhukar:
Shri E. Barua:
Shri D. N. Patodia:
Shri C. C. Desai:

Will the Minister of Home Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the desirability of releasing Sheikh Abdullah has been examined afresh; and

(b) if so, the result thereof?

The Minister of Home Affairs (Shri Y. B. Chavan): (a) and (b). No proposal for removal of restrictions on Sheikh Abdullah has been under consideration.