

of the adoption of the green revolution package; and

(b) if so, the measures taken or proposed to be taken to protect the crops from insects and pests ?

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BUTA SINGH) :** (a). Yes, Sir. There has been some rise in insects and pests in varying degrees in various crops.

(b) The steps taken to protect the crops from insects and pests consist of an integrated approach to pest management which involves the following main components :

- (i) Screening of crop varieties for their reaction to insects and pests, avoidance of susceptible types and adoption of the tolerant/resistant ones.
- (ii) Extensive programme of survey and surveillance for monitoring of key pests; forewarning and timely and effective control measures.
- (iii) Conservation and augmentation of natural enemies for biological control of key pests.
- (iv) Employment of sound agronomic and cultural practices and cropping strategies which prevent insects and pathogens from assuming destructive proportions.
- (v) Judicious and need-based use of safe pesticides.

The above measures have helped in successfully combating most of the insect and pest problems in the crop production programme.

**Housing Finance from Bank or other Financial Institution**

\*191. DR. V. VENKATESH : Will

the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have drawn up a proposal to provide housing finance to be available from a specific bank or financial institution;

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof; and

(c) what categories of people will be entitled for such housing finance ?

**THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR) :** (a) to (c). Apart from the existing institutions which provide housing finance, a proposal to set up a specific institution for the purpose is yet to be finalised.

**Ratio of unemployed and employed persons in the country**

\*194. SHRI AJOY BISWAS : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the ratio of employed and unemployed persons in the country ; and

(b) the rate of increase of unemployed persons in each year during the Sixth Plan period ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH) :** (a) The latest available information from the National Sample Surveys relates to the 32nd Round Survey on Employment and Unemployment conducted during 1977-78. According to this Survey, the percentages of employed and unemployed persons by usual status at ages 15 years and