

even then disability allowance was given to him. He was promoted. He was recruited in T-2 Service, and he was promoted to T-6 Service—i.e. a very rapid promotion was given to him. But there were certain reasons which are his family reasons which I do not want to disclose and disturb his family. If you want, I can disclose. It is not in the interest of the family of Mr. Patro; and, therefore, I say he has committed suicide because of personal reasons.

PROF. N.G. RANGA : Mr. Speaker, Sir : I want a half-an-hour discussion on this.

MR. SPEAKER : Now Question 154—Mr. Kaghuma Reddy is not available. Question 155 : Mr. Mohanbhai Patel is not present; Mr. Chintamani Jena.

Increase in Unemployment

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*155. **SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA :**
SHRI MOHANBHAI PATEL :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of unemployed persons registered with employment exchanges in the country as on 31 December, 1985;

(b) whether the number of unemployed persons is increasing year after year;

(c) if so, the yearly increase in percentage of unemployed persons during the last three years; and

(d) the special measures being taken to provide jobs to the unemployed persons and solve the unemployment problem ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA) : It is a long statement. I will have to lay it on the Table of the House.

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : This is not a long statement. Sir, I seek your protection.

MR. SPEAKER : If it had been a long statement, would you have been satisfied ?

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : No, Sir. If the hon. Minister had read the statement in the House, the House would have known that he was misleading it.

SHRI P.A. SANGMA : I can read it. I read it now.

(a) to (c) The number of registered job-seekers, all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed, on the live register of employed exchanges in the country as on 31st December, 1985 is 262.70 lakhs.

The percentage of unemployed persons is available only for 1983 from the Survey of Employment—Unemployment of the 38th Round of NSSO. According to the provisional results of this Survey the percentage of usually unemployed persons (aged 5 years and above) during January-June, 1983 are :

	Percentage of unemployed	
	Rural	Urban
Male	1.45	3.56
Female	0.51	2.45

(d) The Seventh Plan envisages an annual growth rate of 5 per cent in GDP. Besides the sectoral programmes, the package of poverty alleviation programmes such as NREP, RLEGP and IRDP, aimed at giving self-employment and wage employment to the poorer sections of the community will continue on a significant scale during the Seventh Plan. It is expected that additional employment of the order of 40.36 million standard person years would be generated during the Seventh Plan.

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : The persons who are engaged in NREP, RLEGP and IRDP, etc their names are not registered with the employment exchanges. If so, how the unemployed problem would be solved in the Seventh Five Year Plan and what is the programme before the government? Is it a fact that under this new educational policy the government has chalked out some programme for self-employment; if so, how many persons are to be employed, according to the new educational policy, in the Seventh Five Year Plan?

SHRI P.A. SANGMA : We have two kinds of figures on unemployment. One is the live register with the employment exchange. Our contention is that the people who are registered with the employment exchanges are not necessarily unemployed. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : This is outrageous.

SHRI BASUDEB ACHARIA: How can you say that?

SHRI SOMENATH CHATTERJEE : This is usual cliché. Nobody knows this. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI P.A. SANGMA : I say, not necessarily unemployed because the live register of employment exchange is reviewed after every three years. So, even those people who have registered their names with employment exchanges in this period of three years, it is quite possible that they have already got their jobs. Now, in 1972-73, a survey was conducted into these aspects; according to this study it was found that 27 per cent of the people whose names were registered with the employment exchanges, were already employed, 7 per cent of these people who were registered with the employment exchanges were students. So, a survey had been conducted in 1972-73. Now, we propose to do the same kind of survey this year. His second part of the question: whether according to the new educational policy, we are planning for self-employment, yes, Sir. The new educational

policy emphasises on vocationalisation of the educational system, and we are coming with the amendment of the Apprenticeship Act on the vocational training. The Bill is before the House and hopefully we will get it passed this year.

SHRI CHINTAMANI JENA : Besides the new educational policy, apart from the persons who will be employed in NREP, RLEGP and IRDP, etc., how many persons who have registered their names with the employment exchanges, would be employed in the Seventh Five Year Plan? Has this Ministry any programme to monitor that the persons who have registered their names with the employment exchanges are to be ensured employment? Is there any deviation in some of the employment exchanges; if so, what is the action the government wants to take?

SHRI P.A. SANGMA : As I said, we don't depend on the number of employment exchange figures; we depend on the figures of the Planning Commission. The Seventh Five Year Plan have come out with all the details. Now, the backlog of unemployment at the end of the Sixth Five Year Plan (31st March, 1985) was 9.20 million. Now we expect that during the Seventh Five Year Plan, there will be a net addition to the labour force to the tune of 39.38 millions.

AN HON. MEMBER : Is this the figure of unemployed?

SHRI P.A. SANGMA : Yes, unemployed. Now, the backlog at the end of the Sixth Five Year Plan was 9.20 millions, and the net addition to the labour force over and above this backlog will be 39.38 millions. The Plan document contemplates that we would be able to generate additional employment of 40.36 million standard persons per year by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan. And, therefore, by the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan, the problem of unemployment will be substantially reduced.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : Do you believe that?

SHRI D.N. REDDY : May I know if it has come to the notice of the Government that the employment exchanges are not functioning properly and that they are dens of corruption? Lot of mischief is going on whenever they send lists of candidates for employment. If so, I would like to know what action has been taken by the Government.

SHRI P.A. SANGMA : The employment exchanges are run by the State Governments. I have not received any specific complaints against any employment exchange. If the hon. Member brings it to my notice, I will certainly pass it on to the appropriate State Government.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : He is a *pucca* Minister !

SHRI THAMPAN THOMAS : Certain State Governments are giving doles to the unemployed people. Will the Government consider a proposal for a national policy on providing doles for the unemployed people? I feel that in addition to the registering at the employment exchanges many big industrialists can be of help in solving the unemployment problem. The Government may think of a national policy on this also.

SHRI P.A. SANGMA : No, Sir.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : We have just now heard the hon. Minister reeling out huge figures and numbers. At least I did not get the impression that the hon. Labour Minister of this mighty Government is ashamed that there is still a lot of unemployment even at the end of the Sixth Five Year Plan in the country.

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOR : Because you had gone to America.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : Let us not be flippant over the subject.

I would like to know, whether apart from this NRER, NLEP, RLEGP, etc.,

which you have mentioned, because jobs are not forthcoming, where would the people get jobs, because factories in this country are being closed, in the agricultural sector there is no expansion, and the Government is not allowing jobs being created, the Railways are not recruiting people in their department, and where will the jobs be created? Instead of giving hopes to the people of this country that by the end of the next Plan the problem of unemployment would be solved, the Government should take steps to create more jobs so that the people can come up and try.

SHRI P.A. SANGMA : In the Plan document itself it has been mentioned how much employment will be generated in the agricultural sector, how much in the mining sector and so on.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : I do not want all that. I want to know where from will the jobs come.

SHRI P.A. SANGMA : I have the figures, and I can lay them on the Table of the House.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : You will lay the Plan document on the Table of the House. I do not want that.

MR. SPEAKER : Next Question. Shri Priya Ranjan Das Munsii. He is absent. Shri Brajamohan Mohanty.

Survey of marine and mineral Resources in Orissa and Bengal coasts

*158. **SHRI BRAJAMOHAN MOHANTY :** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has undertaken any marine geological survey including mineral exploration in Orissa and Bengal coasts;

(b) if so, the details of the survey;