

(b) and (c) Eighth Five Year Plan aims at bringing employment into a sharper focus in a medium term perspective with the goal of reducing unemployment to negligible level within the next ten years.

The outlay for Rural Development in Eighth Plan has been stepped up considerably to Rs. 30,000 crores and major portion of this is proposed to be allocated to employment programmes. Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Integrated Rural Development Programmes (IRDP) are the two major poverty alleviation and employment generation programmes. The primary objective of JRY is generation of additional gainful employment for the unemployed and under-employed persons in the rural areas. People below the poverty line constitute the target group. During the Eighth Five Year Plan, it is proposed to create a minimum of 1000 million mandays each year in the form of supplementary employment.

IRDP is a self-employment programme and its objective is to enable identified poor families to obtain incremental income for crossing the poverty line. Income generating assets are provided through a mix of subsidy and Bank credit. During the Eighth Five Year Plan, it is proposed to assist about 12.6 million families under IRDP. Preparation of credit plans, substantial increase in per family investment and proper provision of backward and forward linkages will be main thrust areas.

**Hiteswar Saikia Committee report on employment**

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SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAM-  
BHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hiteswar Saikia Committee on employment recommended

@Previously starred Question 115, transferred from 3rd May, 1993.

limiting of Government's role in employment generation; and

(b) if so, what are the precise recommendations of the Committee and what is Government's decision on each of the recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The Report of the NDC Committee on Employment, constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri Hiteswar Saikia, Chief Minister, Assam is awaiting consideration of the NDC. Details regarding the recommendations of the Committee can be available after the NDC has considered the Report and taken a view on its recommendations.

**देश में तकनीकी मिशन की स्थापना**

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डा० जिनेंद्र कुमार जैन :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने देश में 17 तकनीकी मिशन स्थापित करने का निर्णय किया है;

(ख) यदि हाँ, तो देश में इन नवीन मिशनों के द्वारा किन-किन क्षेत्रों को लाभ मिलने की सम्भावना है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इनके लाभ ग्राम उपभोक्ता तक पहुँचाने हेतु आवश्यक तंत्र आदि की स्थापना हेतु कोई व्यापक योजना भी तैयार की है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो ग्राम आदमी को लाभ पहुँचाने हेतु कोई योजना कब तक तैयार की जायेगी?

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