(c) what steps are expected to be taken to improve the scheme and when the foreign assistance expected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) No, Sir. From inception upto 31.10.2006, 1304 applications were received under Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana . Out of these, 757 cases have been admitted and payment of Rs. 93.13 lakhs has been made. Of the remaining, 140 applications are under process. Another 407 applicants were not found eligible. During the current financial year 2006-07, the ESI Corporation has made a budget provision of Rs. 30 crore.

(c) The unemployment allowance under Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana is payable to the Insured Persons, losing their jobs due to retrenchment, closure of units and to Insured Persons having permanent invalidity of not less than 50% arising out of non employment injury. The expenditure under the scheme will depend upon the number of Insured Persons retrenched in the event of closure of units, retrenchment etc. No foreign assistance is required.

Educated un-employed in the Country

†1592. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of educated unemployed in the country, as on 31st October, 2006, State-wise;

(b) the details of the schemes formulated by Government to provide employment to people, in view of the constant increase in the number of educated unemployed in the country; and

(c) the details of educated unemployed who are being provided employment by Government every year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Total number of educated job seekers, all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed, on the live register of employment exchanges as on 31st December, 2003 were around 303 lakhs in the country. State-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Government is attempting employment generation through the normal growth process as well as through special employment generation programmes to address the problem of unemployment of both the educated and the uneducated. The special programmes launched by the Government include Swarnajayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana, Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana, etc.

(c) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation. Last such survey, for which results are published, was conducted during 2004-05. As per these surveys, employment of educated persons (secondary and above), as per usual status approach which was of the order of 76.13 million in 1999-2000 has gone up to 91.82 million in 2004-05. On an average, therefore, around 3.14 million educated persons were provided employment per year during the period 2000-05.

Statement

State-wise number of educated job seekers (10th standard and above) on the live register of Employment Exchanges as on 31st December 2003.

Sl. No.	State	Number of Jobseekers (in thousand)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2576.3
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	14.3
3.	Assam	1026.6
4.	Bihar	1466.4
5.	Chhattisgarh	722.5
6.	Delhi	892.1
7.	Goa	84.1
8.	Gujarat	847.1
9.	Haryana	678.3

1	2	3
10.	Himachal Pradesh	713.1
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	58.2
12.	Jharkhand	916.9
13.	Karnataka	1153.7
14.	Kerala	3317.5
15.	Madhya Pradesh	1531.1
16.	Maharashtra	3192.9
17.	Manipur	281.7
18.	Meghalaya	21.1
19.	Mizoram	18.2
20.	Nagaland	26.5
21.	Orissa	610.9
22.	Punjab	290.2
23.	Rajasthan	611.5
24.	Sikkim*	0.0
25.	Tamil Nadu	3273.5
26.	Tripura	204.2
27.	Uttaranchal	269.8
28.	Uttar Pradesh	1498.1
29.	West Bengal	3684.0
30.	Andaman & Nicobar	16.6
31.	Chandigarh	93.6
32.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1.8
33.	Daman & Diu	4.5
34.	Lakshadweep	5.7
35.	Pondicherry	151.9
	GRAND TOTAL:	30254.8

*No employment exchange is functioning in the State.

Figures may not add up to total due to rounding off.