

Unemployment in Rural Areas

1711. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the unemployment problem in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far to implement the National Rural Employment Programme in rural areas of Rajasthan to solve the problem; and

(c) the details of the funds provided to Rajasthan during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India has laid down the guidelines for imple-

mentation of National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) in the State and monitors the Programme very closely through Monthly, Bi-Monthly, Quarterly and Annual Reports. The Targets and achievements of the employment generation in the State of Rajasthan during the last three years are as under:

	(Lakh Mandays)	
	Target	Achievement
1984-85	61.10	97.72
1985-86	45.00	497.86
1986-87	352.00	929.63

(c) For the years 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87, the resources provided to the State as Central assistance are as given below:

Year	Cash Funds (Rs. in lakhs)	Quantity of Addl. Food- grains (MTs)	Value of foodgrains (Rs. in lakhs)	Total (Rs. in lakh)
1984-85	775.00	775.00
1985-86	1300.00	198000	2970.00	4270.00
1986-87	1428.00	238800	3582.00	5010.00

Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas

1712. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the salient features of the programme called "Development of women and children in rural areas";

(b) what is the amount of funds allocated to Rajasthan under the above programme, district-wise; and

(c) what are the names of the agencies which has been set up to monitor the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI):

(a) Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas was started in 1982-83 as a sub-scheme of Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) with the objective of providing income generating opportunities to women members of