

Unemployed in rural areas

456. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people in rural areas who are unemployed and whose lives depend only on seasonal work and who have got no land or any other regular means of livelihood;

(b) what programmes Government propose to initiate to give them employment under particular schemes and what amount has been sanctioned for this purpose during the Sixth Five Year Plan period; and

(c) the number of persons given employment under these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BALESHWAR RAM): (a) The number of unemployed persons in the rural areas was estimated at 15.36 million in March 1980 on the basis of rate of unemployment observed in National Sample Survey 32nd Round (1977-78).

(b) The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the programmes of (i) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP); (ii) Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRYSEM); and (iii) National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) for maximising the employment opportunities in the rural areas. The Sixth Five Year Plan outlays for these programmes are as under:

Programme	6th Plan outlay (Rs. in crores)
1. IRDP	1500.00 (including State's share)
2. TRYSEM	10.00 (including State's share)
3. NREP	1620.00 (including State's share)

(c) Under the National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) 421 million mandays of employment were generated in 1980-81 and 359 million mandays of employment in 1981-82.

Under the Integrated Rural Development Programme, 2.78 millions and 2.82 million families were assisted in 1980-81 and 1981-82 respectively.

Under the National Scheme of Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRYSEM), the achievements are as under:

Year	No. of Youths trained ('000)	No. of Youths provided self-employment ('000)
1979-80	40	14
1980-81	123	45
1981-82	179	83

Conversion of State Highways into National Highways

457. SHRI U. R. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals received from various State Governments for conversion of State Highways into National Highways during the last three years, State wise; and

(b) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI SITA RAM KESRI): (a) A statement is attached. (See below).

(b) In September, 1980, on certain priority considerations, six roads were declared as National Highways in the North Eastern Region. Subsequently, in February, 1981, the existing National Highway No. 12 was extended from Biaora to Jaipur so as to provide a link between Jaipur and Bhopal, the Capitals of Rajas-

than and Madhya Pradesh. Attention is now being concentrated on the development of these National Highways and those existing earlier. Owing to financial limitations, Govt. of India are not in a position to take over any more road as National Highways at present in any State.

Statement

S. No.	State	No. of proposals received from the States during the last 3 years
1	Andhra Pradesh	8
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1
3	Assam	2
4	Bihar	6
5	Gujarat	4
6	Himachal Pradesh	2
7	Karnataka	11
8	Kerala	3
9	Madhya Pradesh	23
10	Maharashtra	13
11	Manipur	1
12	Meghalaya	1
13	Mizoram	1
14	Orissa	1
15	Pondicherry	1
16	Punjab	2
17	Rajasthan	1
18	Tamil Nadu	16
19	Tripura	1
20	Uttar Pradesh	16
TOTAL		114

Incentives/Aid to Indian shippers

458. SHRI R. R. MORARKA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have finalised any proposal for giving incentives/aid to Indian shippers to utilise our shipping lines which have suffered due to work wide recession; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN):

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Merger of Shipping Corporation of India and the Moghul Line

459. SHRI R. R. MORARKA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to merge the two public sector companies—Shipping Corporation of India and the Moghul Line;

(b) if so, the advantages that would accrue to the country as a result of the merger; and

(c) by when this merger is expected to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI C. M. STEPHEN):

(a) No.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Jaipur-Kota-Bhopal National Highway

460. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total estimated cost of bringing to the required standard the Jaipur-Kota-Bhopal National Highway;

(b) the total expenditure incurred during the year 1981-82 and during the current financial year upto 31.8.1982; and