

and to complete their rehabilitation as a time-bound programme by March, 1982.]

Consumer price index

371. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

DR. BHAI MAHAVIR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to a report in the *Hindustan Times* of October 9, 1980 that over 6 million salaried employees will be adversely affected if the present consumer price index series with 1960 as base is linked to the 1980 series, without the seven points correction as suggested by the Union Ministries of Labour and Finance;

(b) whether it is also a fact that if the Labour and Finance Ministries' suggestions were accepted by Government as from September 1 last, the employees who have their DA. linked to the Consumer Price Index would have benefited by about Rs. 300 crores; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such estimate was made in this regard.

(c) Does not arise.

Number of educated unemployed by 1983

372. SHRI SADASHIV BAGAITKAR:

SHRI LADLI MOHAN NIGAM:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the educated unemployed on the live register of Em-

ployment Exchanges at the end of March, 1979;

(b) the likely rise in the figure of the educated unemployed by 1983; and

(c) the programme contemplated by the Government to provide employment opportunities to tackle the unemployment problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) Available information is in respect of the number of educated persons (matriculate and above) on the live register of employment exchanges, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed. Figures are collected as at the end of June and December each year. There were 69.37 lakh such persons on the live register at the end of June 1979 and 72.97 lakh persons at the end of December 1979.

(b) and (c) The Framework of the Sixth Five Year Plan indicates, *inter alia* the programme thrusts in relation to promoting opportunities for gainful employment. During the Plan period additional opportunities for employment will become available through the large number of developmental projects to be undertaken by State and Central Governments. In addition, industrial growth both in the public and private sector will also help to generate employment opportunities.

As has been stated in the Framework, the issue of unemployment among the educated needs to be viewed in the medium term context of the Five Year Plan as also in the long term perspective so that a mutually beneficial relationship can be promoted among education, employment and development. The nature of the problem is such that no single pattern would provide the needed solution. A decentralised approach is called for and a District Development Centre could become the focal point for employment planning. It is