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Written Answers

Employment in the country

2015. SHRI AMARPROSAD CHA-PRIME KRABORTY: Will the MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the total employment generated in the year 1978 by Government's changed employment generation policy;
- (b) what are the broad outlines of the employment generation policy; and
- (c) what is the total number of unemployed in the country at present and the expected annual rise in the number during the next five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI FAZLUR RAHMAN): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Sufficient data are not available for estimating the additional employment generated in the economy in the year 1978. Current statistics on employment in the non-agricultural establishments employing 10 or more workers in the private sector and establishments in the public however, indicate an increase in the number of persons employed from the end of De-21.09 million at cember, 1977 to 21.44 million at end of March, 1978.

The broad outlines of the employment generation policy are:

- (i) to maintain the highest fcasible rate of growth,
- (ii) to make the pattern of production more labour intensive, and
- (iii) to regulate technological. change so that the rate of growth of employment is maintained at a satisfactory level.

The employment strategy also includes area planning for full employment in about 3000 blocks over the next five years.

On the basis of data collected by the National Sample Survey, the Draft Plan (1978—83) estimated the number of chronicaly unemployed persons as of March 1978 at 4.37 million and the total Volume of unemployment including seasonal ployment and current underempley_ ment at 20.6 million person years. The Draft Plan (1978—83) envisages the creation of employment opportunities equivalent to 49.3 million person-years, by the end of the period. Taking into account the net addition to the labour force expected during the Plan period the level of unemployment in 1983 is expected to be substantially lower than in 1978.