

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR (SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): (a) A Statement is placed on the Table of the House.

(b) No,, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Statement

The Government of Maharashtra have been implementing for the past few years an employment guarantee scheme in the State to provide manual work to all unskilled persons in rural and C-Class municipal areas of the State who are in need of and are desirous of rendering manual work. The State Government have decided to amplify the provisions of the existing scheme by undertaking to pay, with effect from 9 August, 1978, an unemployment allowance of one rupee per day if the State Government is unable to provide employment to the person registered with the specified authority who seeks employment under the scheme.

#### Printing of Passport Application Forms in the Regional Languages

\*440. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to print the passport application forms in the regional languages; and

(b) if so, by when this facility is likely to be provided throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S. KUNDU): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration and a decision will be taken as early as possible.

Complaints against the functioning of the Trunk Booking Service of the Delhi Telephones

♦441. SHRI SWAMI DINESH CHANDRA; SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN; SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints regarding the trunk booking service of the Delhi Telephones; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI NARHARI PRASAD SUKHDEO SAI): (a) Yes, Sir, some complaints have been received.

(b) Action has been taken to tone up the maintenance of the equipment and ensure better supervision.

\*442. [Transferred to the 16th August, 1978].

#### Increase in unemployment

\*443. SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN SARING; SHRI SYED NIZAM-UD-DIN; SHRI GIAN CHAND TOTU:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in unemployment during the first four months of the current financial year;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of increase in regard to the educated, uneducated, unemployed in rural and urban areas respectively; and