

2. Uneducated 44.50 lakhs
(Below Matric including illiterates).

(b) The available information relates to the period 1st January to 30th November, 1975. During this period 3.61 lakh persons were placed in employment through the Employment Exchanges in the country.

(c) The latest available information shows that there were 93.15 lakh job-seekers on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges as on 30th November, 1975.

Improvement of Roads under Special Area Development Programme

*506. SHRI S. KUMARAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government have requested the Central Government to include the scheme for improvement and widening of five roads in the "Special Area Development Programme for the purpose of Kerala Newsprint Project at Vellore; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (DR. G. S. DHILLON): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Kerala Government have requested for Central financial assistance for Rs. 2.11 crores for the following five roads:—

- (1) Ettumanur-Ernakulam Road.
- (2) Thalayolaparambu-Kuthattukulam Road (upto Moorkattilpadi).
- (3) Ambanthanam-Kallungal Kadavu Road.
- (4) K. K. Road from Km. 57 to Km. 110.

- (5) Road connecting Ernakulam to the Project site via Mulanthuruthi-Thalapara junctions

No decision has yet been taken.

Chemical By-Products Manufactured by H.S.L.

*507. SHRI D. K. PATEL;
SHRI GULABRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the chemical by-product manufactured annually by the Hindustan Steel Limited;

(b) the names of concerns receiving annual allocations of these by-products from the Hindustan Steel Limited;

(c) whether the Hindustan Steel Limited has given priority to the small scale industrial units run by the educated young entrepreneurs under the 20-point Economic Programme; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. [See Appendix XCI Annexure No. 82.]

MASS Retirement of Employees in P & T Circle Rajasthan

*508. SHRI J. S. TILAK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Post Master-General, Rajasthan, has taken a decision to retire all employees in that Circle who have put more than 30 years of service though they have not attained the age of superannuation; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?