

(c) Government's policy is to maximise internal procurement for meeting the requirement of public distribution and building of an adequate buffer stock. Government's policy is also to purchase whatever quantity of grain is offered at the procurement prices fixed by Government to ensure remunerative prices to the farmers.

208. [Transferred to the 11th May, 1970]-

**WAGE BOARDS RECOMMENDATION
FOR ELECTRICITY EMPLOYEES**

209. SHRI SASANKASEKHAR SA-NYAL : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state by when the State Electricity and other electricity employees will be benefitted by the recommendations of Wage Board?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI D. SANJIVAYYA) : The Report of the Wage Board for Electricity Undertakings is under examination and steps are being taken to announce decisions thereon at an early date.

**UNEMPLOYMENT IN WEST
BENGAL**

210. SHRI SASANKASEKHAR SA-NYAL : Will the Minister of LABOUR

AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of 'graduates and undergraduates among the educated unemployed in West Bengal;

(b) what steps are being presently taken by the Government of India to combat unemployment; and

(c) whether steps are being taken for formulating a scheme of Unemployment Insurance in this behalf and if so, what?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI

D. SANJIVAYYA) : (a) The only information available on the subject relates to the number of work-seekers on the live register of Employment Exchange in West Bengal which is contained in the statement attached.

(b) Various development programmes in the field of agriculture, industry, transport and communication, irrigation and power and social services such as education, health, family planning and social welfare included in the Fourth Five Year Plan of the Centre and the State of West Bengal are expected to provide increasing employment opportunities for the unemployed, both educated and uneducated.

(c) No.

STATEMENT

Educational level	No. of educated job-seekers on the live register of Employment Exchanges in West Bengal as on 31-12-1969
1. Total number of educated job-seekers (matriculates and above).	1,82,035
2. Higher Secondary passed (including intermediates/under-graduates) included in item 1.	82,203
3. Graduates (including post-graduates) included in item 1.	32,260

211. [Transferred to the 11th May, 1970.]

**212. IMPORT OF FOODGRAINS
UNDER P.L.480**

213. SHRI LOKANATH MISRA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total value of PL-480

foodgrain imports from United States during the last six months; whether the country is importing foodgrains from some other sources; and

(b) the details of the total imports from other countries during the last 6 months in terms of quantity and value and thus the total foreign exchange utilised for this purpose?