

The working paper attempts an estimate of the supply of and demand for engineers during the Fourth and Fifth Plan periods. These estimates are based on a number of assumptions regarding the rate of growth of the economy during the Fourth and Fifth Plan periods, the scale of future admissions to the engineering institutions and the pattern of engineering employment. Based on these assumptions, it has been observed in the paper that there will be a surplus of engineers of the order of one lakh in 1973-74. An overall balance between supply of and demand for engineers is, however, likely to be reached by 1978-79. The paper emphasises a very important qualification to these conclusions. It has been assumed in the paper that the pattern of engineering employment would continue to be what it was till 1964. On the other hand, efforts are being taken to explore employment opportunities for engineers in various fields such as small scale industries, marketing, sales, management, consultancy etc. If these trends diversify the pattern of engineering employment, the surplus of engineers worked out in the paper may turn out to be exaggerated.

(b) The Government initiated in May 1968, a number of measures to create additional employment opportunities for engineers. The implementation of these measures by the Central Ministries and State Governments is being closely reviewed. A statement is placed in the Annexure enumerating the progress made so far by the Central Ministries and State Governments in implementing these measures. [See Appendix LXXIII, Annexure No. 12.]

A.R.C. REPORT ON UNION TERRITORIES AND NEFA

421. SHRI R. P. KHAITAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Report of the A.R.C. on Union Territories and NEFA has been examined, and

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI K. C. PANT):
(a) and (b) The recommendations of

the Administrative Reforms Commission are still under examination of the Government of India and no final decision has been taken so far.

HOTEL BEDS OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

422. SHRI SUNDAR MANI PATEL :
SHRI K. C. PANDA :
SHRI M. K. MOHTA :

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of hotel beds of international standard available in the country at present;

(b) the estimated requirements at the end of the Fourth Five Year Plan period; and

(c) the steps contemplated to bridge the gap if any?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (DR. KARAN SINGH) : (a) The total capacity available in hotels which have been approved by the Department of Tourism from the point of view of their suitability for foreign tourists, is at present 9528 rooms/16206 beds.

(b) The estimated additional requirements at places of tourist importance are approximately 10,000 rooms by 1973.

(c) Government have already announced substantial incentives to attract investment in the hotel industry. These include tax and fiscal reliefs; priority consideration for the needs of the hotel industry; sale of Government owned land in the Delhi area on concessional terms for hotel construction and financial assistance under the Hotel Development Loan Scheme. In the public sector, the India Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. has plans to set up a number of hotels at places of tourist importance, and Air India plans to set up two hotels at Bombay.

आसनसोल में बैंक में डकैती

423. श्री राजनारायण : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) 6 जून, 1970 को आसनसोल, पश्चिमी बंगाल स्थित एक बैंक में 96,300.