

certain places, have Government made any attempt to find out the extent of the unemployment among the middle-classes, the educated middle-classes in the country and if so, what are they?

SHRI ABID ALI: I have already answered that question.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: I wanted to know whether any attempts have been made by Government apart from the employment exchanges set up at which voluntarily people may register themselves, to find out the extent of unemployment in the country?

SHRI V. V. GIRI: I am assuring the hon. Member that a serious attempt will be made in consultation with the State Governments.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Then do I infer that no attempt has been made in the past and that in future the attempt will be made? I wanted an indication of the attempt made by Government in this direction.

AN HON. MEMBER: Sir

MR. CHAIRMAN: One at a time.

SHRI V. V. GIRI: In fact it was already stated by my hon. colleague here that in the Five Year Plan there are measures likely to solve some of these difficulties. But we are not stopping at that; we are trying how best we can grapple with the present growing unemployment problem.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Is it a fact that apart from what can be done under the Five Year Plan, the Government have no scheme for tackling the unemployment problem of the middle classes and as such they are not interested in finding out the extent of unemployment in the country?

SHRI V. V. GIRI: It cannot be said that there is no other scheme. Certainly the Government is interested and are very much troubled at the growing unemployment problem and will certainly study and see that something is done.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE: Do I understand that, Sir, apart from what is stated in the Five Year Plan, the Government may take into hand other schemes also to solve this problem?

SHRI V. V. GIRI: Of course.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Is the Government aware of the *satyagraha* by the unemployed students of Ajmer?

SHRI V. V. GIRI: I take the information from the hon. Member.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: May I know what concrete steps have been taken by the Government to solve this very pressing problem?

SHRI V. V. GIRI: I think I have stated very generally the efforts of the Government and I cannot go much further now.

(Interruptions by Shri B. Ruth.)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Sit down. Next question.

SUPPLY OF RUST-RESISTANT SEED FOR CULTIVATION

*384. SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Will the Minister for FOOD AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which Government arrange to provide rust-resistant seed to cultivators in the country; and

(b) the names of the food grains for which Government provide such seed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA) :

(a) Rust-resistant seed is supplied to cultivators by State Governments who undertake its multiplication on their own farms. Information on the quantities supplied and acreage covered is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House in due course. During 1952-53 the Indian Agricultural Research Institute supplied 346 maunds of nucleus seed

for multiplication, to States and Delhi villages.

(b) Principally wheat and barley.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: What is the responsibility of the State Governments *vis-a-vis* the Centre in this matter?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: The research and the breeding part of it is taken over by the Central Government and is done by the I.C.A.R. and the development and extension programme is done by the State Governments.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Is the Government receiving regular returns regarding the distribution of this scientifically treated seed?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: We get information from the States but that information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Are you receiving regular and periodical returns in this matter or not?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: I think we are receiving regular returns once a month.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Does the Government spend on these treated seeds anything extra which they do not recover by way of price which they collect?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: Yes, we do spend; we have got a co-ordinated scheme according to which we spend Rs. 3½ lakhs for 2 to 3 years.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Is it not collected when the seed is sold to the cultivator?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: For the research portion we do not charge anything.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: About 70 lakhs of rupees have been provided in the Five Year Plan for distribution of seeds in Rajasthan. How is this

amount to be spent so far as the amount which is not to be collected? Am I to understand that the Centre is going to take some amount out of it for scientific research or what?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: This question relates to rust-resisting seed and I have already replied that the experimenting and breeding parts is carried out by the Centre in the I.C.A.R. and the rest, the development and the distribution part of it is by the State Governments.

SHRI K. C. GEORGE: May I know what, according to the returns received by the Government of India, is the quantity that has been distributed in Travancore-Cochin State?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: I cannot follow.

MR CHAIRMAN: "What is the amount that has been distributed in Travancore-Cochin State?"

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: The details are being collated and I will place it on the Table of the House in due course.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Has the Government any idea about the gap between the demand and supply in this respect?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: The idea of Government is to cover the entire wheat growing area within three to four years. I have already said that we have got a co-ordinated scheme under which we hope to cover the whole area.

SHRI H. C. MATHUR: I am asking, what the present demand is and what is the present capacity of supply?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA: I want notice, Sir.

NEW RAILWAY LINES AND LINKS FOR RAJASTHAN

*385. SHRI H. C. MATHUR: Will the Minister for RAILWAYS be pleased to state: