

SHRI H. D. RAJAH : Does this include the main capital outlay on which interest is earned ?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : I have already replied that question.

KHWAJA INAIT ULLAH : Can the hon. Minister tell us the price of telephones manufactured in India and the price of telephones imported into India ?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : It is not possible for me off hand to give the price of imported telephones ; but the price of telephones made in India is as follows : C.B. telephones Rs. 89 per piece and automatic telephones Rs. 108 per piece.

KHWAJA INAIT ULLAH : And the cost of those that are assembled here ?

SHRI RAJ BAHADUR : Most of the parts are also manufactured here.

SHRI B. GUPTA : May I know whether certain contrivances have been devised in order to tap telephone conversations ?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Order, order.

SHRI B. GUPTA : It may not suit the Minister, but he has not answered the question.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I have disallowed it.

EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES

*25. **SHRIMATI SAVITRY NIGAM :** Will the Minister for LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of unemployed persons registered with the Employment Exchanges throughout India ;

(b) the number of persons who have been registered with Employment Exchanges (i) for one year, (ii) for six months, and who have not been able to get jobs so far ;

(c) the number of women registered with the Exchanges who have not been able to get jobs (i) within six months, (ii) within one year from the date of registration ;

(d) the rate of increase of unemployment in India ;

(e) the proportion between technical and non-technical unemployed persons and

(f) the measures which are being taken by Government to end such unemployment ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR LABOUR (SHRI ABID ALI) : (a) 407,872 at the end of September 1952.

(b) Of the 4,07,872 persons seeking employment assistance at the end of September 1952, 64,885 persons had been registered with the Exchanges for six months or more. Information regarding the number registered for one year or more is not readily available.

(c) Out of 407,872 persons seeking employment assistance at the end of September 1952, 13,039 were women. Figures are not readily available as to how long they have been waiting.

(d) The information available at present is not adequate to make a reliable statistical assessment of the real situation regarding unemployment.

(e) Of the total number of applicants registered with the Employment Exchanges at the end of September 1952, 12.2 per cent. were technical personnel.

(f) The implementation of the various schemes of development envisaged in the Five Year Plan will increase employment opportunities and reduce unemployment.

श्रीमती सावित्री निगम : क्या मंत्री महोदय बता सकेंगे कि स्त्रियों में जो अनइम्प्लायमेंट है उसको दूर करने के लिए कुछ बिमनस इन्डस्ट्रियल होम्स खोलने की योजना बनाई गई है ।

†[SHRIMATI SAVITRY NIGAM : Will the hon. Minister be pleased to state whether a scheme for opening some Women's Industrial Homes has been drawn out to remove unemployment among women ?]

श्री आबिद अली : इन्ड स्ट्रियल ट्रेनिंग दी जा रही है ताकि वह काम सीखें और उनको ज्यादा नौकरी मिले ।

†[SHRI ABID ALI : Arrangements have been made for industrial training so as to enable them to receive training in crafts and to get more employment.]

SHRI O. SOBHANI : May I know whether the names of the applicants concerned are kept on the register for more than two months, or is it the practice that when a man does not get employment for two months, his name is removed from the register ?

SHRI ABID ALI : They have to renew their request for being kept on the live register after completion of two months.

SHRI O. SOBHANI : In Hyderabad, I know the practice is that if a man is not employed in two months his name is not kept on the register. I just mention this for the information of the hon. Minister.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : That is all right ; he has answered your question.

SHRI D. NARAYAN : Out of the total given, what is the number of the educated unemployed ?

SHRI ABID ALI : I can give the figure, according to the category I have here. The number under the clerical category is 1,20,127.

DIWAN CHAMAN LALL : May I know whether Government have any scheme in hand for the purpose of inaugurating unemployment insurance ?

SHRI ABID ALI : That does not arise out of this question, Sir.

*English translation.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : That is a different question.

SHRI S. N. MAZUMDAR : Have the Government any scheme for providing employment to the tea garden labourers who have been rendered unemployed due to the closure of the gardens ?

SHRI ABID ALI : That is a matter to be considered.

SHRIMATI SHARDA BHARGAVA : What is the percentage of the educated unemployed ?

SHRI ABID ALI : That figure is not available.

SHRI RAJAGOPAL NAIDU : May I know whether any preference is shown in the matter of giving employment to ex-service men ?

SHRI ABID ALI : Formerly it was so, but now their number is negligible.

SHRIMATI VIOLET ALVA : What is the number of unemployed graduates ?

SHRI ABID ALI : As I have already said, we can give only information with regard to the different categories of employment seekers. They are categorised according to the jobs they seek. Under clerical and the like sections we have 1,28,494 and no other figure with regard to the educated employment seekers is available.

SHRIMATI SHARDA BHARGAVA : Can the hon. Minister give us the percentage of the educated unemployed, afterwards ?

SHRI ABID ALI : The general figures are here. Out of the total of 4,07,872, clerical and the like employment seekers number 1,28,494.

SHRI S. P. DAVE : Are these figures maintained industrywise ?

SHRI ABID ALI : No, they are maintained category-wise.

SHRI O. SOBHANI : Could the hon. Minister give the figures of nurses still unemployed on the register ?

SHRI ABID ALI : I don't have the information.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The question may be put to the Health Minister.

SHRI B. GUPTA : Do the very gainfully employed ones in the Government realise that the machinery for recording the unemployment in the country is very very inadequate today and may I know what steps are being taken to expand this machinery ?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Order, order. You should not make any imputations, Mr. Gupta.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE : Are employments found only in private concerns or also in Government jobs ?

SHRI ABID ALI : In both.

SHRI B. C. GHOSE : What is the proportion in each ?

SHRI ABID ALI : That is not available.

FOODGRAINS FOR 1953 AND 1954

*26. SHRI GOVINDA REDDY : Will the Minister for FOOD & AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by Government to ensure the availability of sufficient foodgrains in the years 1953 and 1954; and

(b) the extent to which foreign supplies of foodgrains will have to be relied upon during those years ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA) : (a) and (b). It is too early to give an indication about the availability of foodgrains or the imports required in 1954. But so far as 1953 is concerned in view of the

internal position, the Government of India are considering limiting the imports to about 2.5 million tons of foodgrains.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY : May I request the hon. Minister to elaborate what he means by internal position, Sir ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : Sir, our internal position is now very much improved. There were days when we were leading a ship to mouth existence. Now, we have been able to build up stocks of 2 million tons, both with the Centre and with the States. We had a carry-over in 1952 of 13.37 lakh tons and we will have a carry-over of nearly 19 lakh tons this year. Our general crop position is very bright and some of our deficit States like Kashmir and Rajasthan have become self-sufficient, surplus States like Madhya Bharat and Orissa are able to supply more grain to the Centre and, on the whole, our position is very bright and there is a sense of security.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY : I want to know whether the carry-over figures are arrived at after giving deduction to the off-take of foodgrains or of the national needs.

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : Carry-over is that which is left with us at the end of the year.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY : Is the import figure of 2.5 millions that is now stated, arrived at in relation to the off-take figures or in relation to national needs ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : It is in relation to national needs, Sir.

SHRI GOVINDA REDDY : May I know, Sir, if an estimate has been made of the stocks that would be available for 1954 ?

SHRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA : It is too early, Sir, Much of our grains are in the clouds; if there is uniform rain we will get more.