

revamping and reorientation is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A.SANGMA): (a) to (c). Functioning of employment exchanges is reviewed from time to time and proposal for improving and streamlining the services are discussed in the Meeting of the Working Group on National Employment Service which is normally held once a year. The Working Group recommends simplification of the procedure for providing better services both to the job-seekers and employers. The next meeting of the Working Group is likely to be held in the first quarter of 1994.

[Translation]

**Export and Cultivation of Tea.**

1323. SHRI RAMPAL SINGH:  
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the land in hectares being cultivated at present for tea plantation in Uttar Pradesh and hilly areas out of it, separately;

(b) whether the requirement of Uttar Pradesh is met by the tea produced there and is exported after meeting the requirement of Uttar Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the total consumption of tea at present in Uttar Pradesh;

(e) the total amount of loan and subsidy provided at present therefor; and

(f) the details of any specific plan pre-

pared for development of tea plantation in the hilly areas of Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Estimated area under tea cultivation in Uttar Pradesh during 1992 was 903 hectares. Tea is cultivated mostly in the hill districts of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) to (d). It may not be possible to give figures of tea consumption in Uttar Pradesh and exports of tea from the State. Separate figures of tea consumption in Uttar Pradesh are not available. Also it may not be possible to identify share of teas produced in Uttar Pradesh in overall exports of tea as in most cases tea is exported in blended form. However, estimated production of tea in Uttar Pradesh during 1992- was 550 thousand kgs.

(e) Tea Board have given grant in aid of Rs. 19.39 lakhs for developmental activities of tea gardens in Uttar Pradesh.

(f) According to the survey report submitted by the consultants to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, nearly 56,950 hectares of land are considered to be suitable for tea cultivation. These lands are reported to be available in Uttar Pradesh spread over 14 out of 25 districts in the Terai, Garhwal and Kumaon regions. Out of the identified area, it was proposed to take up 3 projects one each in the district of Uttarkashi, Almora and Pauri Garhwal for planting tea in an area of 1400 hectares, but no planting has commenced as yet. In the meanwhile, the soil conservation department of State Government have set up trial plantation in a number of locations covering approximately 25 hectares spread over Nainital, Almora and Pithoragarh districts.