

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Our attention has been drawn to some news items which have appeared in the newspapers. The Central Vigilance Commission has also made a reference on this issue to the STC for an early enquiry and report. The enquiry is in progress.

[Translation]

#### Unemployed Persons in the Country

240. DR. MUMTAZ ANSARI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed persons registered with various employment exchanges in the country, category-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to generate more employment opportunities for them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The number of job-seekers, not all of whom were necessarily unemployed, on the Live Register of the Employment Exchanges in the country, category-wise and State-wise, as on 30th June, 1992 (latest available) is given in the Statement annexed.

(b) Employment is a thrust area of the Eighth Five Year Plan. The Plan emphasises the need for a high rate of economic growth, combined with faster growth of sectors, sub-sectors and areas which have relatively high employment potential for enhancing the pace of employment generation. Geographically and crop-wise diversified agricultural growth, development of wastelands and forestry, development of rural non-farm sector and rural infrastructure, faster growth of small and decentralised manufacturing and expansion of housing, are the basic elements of the employment oriented growth strategy envisaged in the Plan.

#### STATEMENT

No. on the Live Register as on 30-6-92

(In Thousand)

State/Union Territory	Total (All Categories)	Women (Included in Total)	Scheduled Castes (included in Total)	Scheduled Tribes (included in Total)
1	2	3	4	5
<i>States</i>				
1. Andhra Pradesh . . . . .	3,296.9	522.1	402.0	81.5
2. Arunachal Pradesh . . . . .	5.4	1.5	—	—
3. Assam . . . . .	1,347.3	280.6	74.5	140.3
4. Bihar . . . . .	3,597.0	231.3	380.0	223.9
5. Goa . . . . .	102.6	31.5	1.1	@
6. Gujarat . . . . .	987.3	128.7	169.4	90.2
7. Haryana . . . . .	632.6	101.1	104.9	—
8. Himachal Pradesh . . . . .	470.9	106.7	83.9	14.3
9. Jammu & Kashmir . . . . .	138.2	21.5	7.0	0.2
10. Karnataka . . . . .	1,475.8	299.5	165.2	21.8
11. Kerala . . . . .	3,898.3	1,928.3	320.0	17.5
12. Madhya Pradesh . . . . .	1,996.7	283.4	263.2	171.6
13. Maharashtra . . . . .	3,247.3	515.1	505.2	106.5

STATEMENT—*contd.*

1	2	3	4	5
14. Manipur . . . . .	200.6	54.2	1.5	50.5
15. Meghalaya . . . . .	24.7	9.2	0.2	16.1
16. Mizoram . . . . .	36.4	8.9	—	36.4
17. Nagaland . . . . .	22.9	6.5	1.2	20.3
18. Orissa . . . . .	907.2	121.1	113.5	70.8
19. Punjab . . . . .	739.2	161.5	205.1	@
20. Rajasthan . . . . .	891.8	85.0	128.2	57.1
21. Sikkim* . . . . .	—	—	—	—
22. Tamil Nadu . . . . .	3,665.7	1,095.3	737.8	14.8
23. Tripura . . . . .	175.3	58.0	10.8	12.4
24. Uttar Pradesh . . . . .	2,682.5	211.0	504.4	10.7
25. West Bengal . . . . .	5,169.3	1,081.8	429.7	80.5
<i>Union Territories</i>				
26. Andaman & Nicobar Islands . . . . .	17.2	5.2	—	0.7
27. Chandigarh . . . . .	160.9	32.6	42.2	0.1
28. Dadra & Nagar Haveli . . . . .	2.5	0.7	0.2	0.9
29. Delhi . . . . .	904.24	191.4	128.6	14.7
30. Daman & Diu . . . . .	2.4	0.1	0.2	0.3
31. Lakshadweep . . . . .	6.5	1.4	—	6.4
32. Pondicherry . . . . .	125.1	37.6	9.5	0.1
Total . . . . .	36,921.1	7,613.6	4,789.3	1,260.6

NOTE :—\*No Employment Exchange is functioning in this State.

@Figures less than 50.

Figures may not add up to total due to rounding off.

[English]

**Advances to Small and Tiny Sectors**

241. PROF. P.J. KURIEN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the amount advanced to the industries during the first six months of the current financial year by the public sector and other commercial banks and financial institutions;

(b) the percentage of it advanced to small and tiny sectors ; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to streamline the procedure for grant of the advances to small and tiny sectors ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) The Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) has reported that the assistance disbursed to the industries by All India Financial Institutions, during the first six months of the current year (April—September, 1993) is Rs. 8961.80 crores (provisional data). As per the latest data available with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the gross bank credit outstanding to industry as on March, 1993 was Rs. 78,654 crores.