

(iii) The report also shows that the number of students from Asian countries in USA recorded an increase in 1968 but somewhat went down in 1970. However, the number of students from India, particularly in engineering subjects, in American Universities have increased considerably in course of the five years. There were about 6,000 Indian students in 1966-67 and their number increased by 50 per cent in 1969-70.

(c) The Government are continuously considering measures to check brain drain by improving employment opportunities and also to facilitate the return of Indian Scientists, Engineers, etc. from abroad. Some of the measures already taken in this direction are given in the Statement laid on the Table of the House. [Placed in Library See No. LT-4202/73.]

The Government have also taken the following measures to check the brain drain.

- (1) A sum of Rs. 50 crores has been allocated in the 4th Plan for employment of educated unemployed, of which, an amount of Rs. 20 crores has been allocated in this year's budget.
- (2) An amount of Rs. 27 crores has been earmarked by the Planning Commission for allocation to State Governments for formulating special employment programmes for which the States will have to contribute another Rs. 27 crores.
- (3) Financial help is rendered to enterprising unemployed persons by Nationalised Banks
- (4) The Planning Commission and the State Governments are also working out schemes for employment so that qualified persons may not have to go

abroad for lack of employment.

- (5) The Government of India appointed a "Committee on Unemployment" to assess the extent of unemployment and to suggest remedial measures. The Committee have submitted an interim report on short-term measures for employment.

Setting up of Indo-Iraqi Joint Planning Committee

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SHRI K. LAKKAPPA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Indo-Iraqi Joint Planning Committee has been set up to study and utilise the planning activities of the two countries for mutual benefits;

(b) whether he had any discussion with the Iraqi delegation which visited India in the third week of December, 1972; and

(c) the nature and outcome of the discussions held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI MOHAN DHARIA): (a) to (c). At the discussions with the Iraqi delegation led by the Minister of Planning of the Republic of Iraq in December 1972, it was agreed that (i) a Joint Planning Committee would be set up to study and utilise the planning activities of the two countries with a view to re-inforcing economic development in the two countries through mutual cooperation, (ii) Indian consultancy organisations in different fields of specialisation would assist the Iraqi organisations to build up capabilities in the engineering, management and other consultancy activities and (iii) India would assist to the maximum possible extent, in meeting Iraq's requirements of experts in planning and other fields of specialisation.