

(a) the appointments made in IFFCO during the last three years, category-wise;

(b) the number of SC/ST appointed out of them, category-wise; and

(c) the SC/ST backlog is likely to be filled up in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. A.K. PATEL): (a) to (c) The appointments made in IFFCO during the last 3 years from January, 1996 to December, 1998, number of SC/STs appointed category-wise and their backlog to be filled are as under:—

Category	No. of appts. made	No. of SC/ST appointed		Backlog to be filled	
		SC	ST	SC	ST
A	118	19	2	4	4
B	—	—	—	—	—
C	190	38	5	3	1
D	07	1	—	—	—
Total	315	58	8	7	5

### Nehru Yuva Kendra

2117. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN;  
SHRI RAMA NAND SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Nehru Yuva Kendras functioning in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of activities organised in these Kendras, State-wise;

(c) the total amount spent on these Kendras during each of the last three years, till date, State-wise; and

(d) the amount sanctioned for each of the Kendras during the current year, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS, SPORTS, WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI UMA BHARATI): (a) to (d) The

information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

### Village Defence Committee in Jammu and Kashmir

2118. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of village defence committees in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) the types of arms/ammunition and fund given to each committee;

(c) whether there is any proposal to strengthen these committees by providing more arms/ammunition and communication system;

(d) whether the Government propose to increase the amount of honorarium; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) As per the information received from the State Government, 1455 Village Defence Committees (VDC) are presently sanctioned and functioning in Jammu & Kashmir. The State Police is motivating volunteers to form some more Village Defence Committees.

(b) to (e) Village Defence Committees are provided with 303 rifles and ammunition. State Police has also started the process of providing some communication equipment to selected VDCs. Training of the Village Defence Committee is also being conducted. The Village Defence Committee is also being conducted. The Village Defence Committee members are volunteers, who are given training and supplied with arms and ammunition. They are supported in their efforts by a nucleus of SPO's. Each SPO receives an honorarium from the State Government. Central Government is presently reimbursing to the State Government for a fixed number of SPOs. The norm for reimbursement on this account have been finalised recently.

#### Unemployment in Gujarat

2119. SHRI N.J. RATHWA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a large scale of unemployment in the country particularly in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have set a target for elimination of unemployment by 2002 AD in the country; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to achieve this target and the percentage of additional avenues of employment required to be generated annually for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (d) The number of jobseekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, who were on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges in Gujarat, as on 31.3.97 is 9,27,000. The number of placements effected by the Employment Exchanges in Gujarat during 1997-98 was 67,700. The major poverty alleviation programmes which provide employment in rural areas are Integrated Rural Development Programme, Jawahar Rozgar Yojana and Employment Assurance Scheme. In urban areas, the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana

(SJSRY) has been launched and has become operational from 1.12.97. The scheme seeks to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or under-employed poor through encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures or provision of wage employment. Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana is being implemented as a Central Plan Scheme to provide employment opportunities to educate unemployed youths in both rural and urban areas. A scheme entitled Pandit Din Dayal Sankalit Swavlamban Yojana has been sponsored by the Government of Gujarat with a view to create self-employment opportunities for the unemployed.

The approach to the Ninth Plan envisages priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productive employment and eradication of poverty. Greater productive employment will be generated in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are labour intensive in regions characterised by higher rates of unemployment and under employment.

It is estimated that if full employment is to be achieved by 2007, the yearly growth of employment has to be 2.8%.

#### Upgradation of Indian Sugar Industry

2120. SHRI S.S. OWAISI:  
SHRI PRASAD BABURAO TANPURE:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of research project has been undertaken by his Ministry under mission mode project in sugar production technologies aimed at upgradation of the Indian sugar industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of factories selected in Maharashtra for this purpose;

(d) the results thereof and the achievements made due to these technologies;

(e) whether there is any proposal to undertake more sugar factories in Maharashtra for upgradation; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?