

and 10 lakh females were unemployed, while in rural areas the number was 76 lakh males and 85 lakh females. I think it is an under-estimate. The enormity of the mounting problem of unemployment has not been realised by the day dreamers of the Janata Party and its leaders have made some adventurous statements. They have said that in the next ten years they will fully eradicate destitution. This word "dstitution" is being used in place of poverty, just as for "family planning" they have now got "family welfare." If they are responsible, they must be that the people of this country are provided the basic needs of the society as is adumbrated in our Constitution. The Janata Party is saying that we have mauled and destroyed the edifice of the Constitution. But how far these people have solved the question of unemployment in West Bengal? These are half-baked ideas of the Janata Party in the economic field. The estimated addition to the labour force by 1986 will be about 65 million. This alone is more than three and a half times the present level of unemployment in the entire organised sector including both the public and private sectors. In addition, there is the huge backlog of unemployment, under-employment and thin employment.

Employment is going to be the most important challenge not only to the Planning Commission but to the Janata Party. The strategy to deal with the problem is likely to be altered if the threat by the new policy-makers to bring about a wholesale change in the direction of economic policies is put into practice. However, no novel ideas have so far been put forward by the leaders of the ruling coalition at the centre.

Shri Dharia wants to arrest hoarders, black marketeers, smugglers, etc. under MISA whereas Shri Advani and Shri Patel say that it is an obnoxious law. I do not know whether the CPM will also join them in this. Mr. Jyotirmoy Bosu says that it should be repealed. Then how can

the monopoly houses work when then are encouraging black-marketeers, the joint sector and the mixed sector? How can you introduce a special programme to fight unemployment in this country?

Since the mushroom growth of the Janata Party, the sons of the soil theory has started. In Maharashtra the Siva Sena is doing that. Wherever these things are developing, these are very dangerous signs.

SHRI JYOTIRMOY BOSU: There is alliance between Naik and Siva Sena.

SHRI K. LAKKAPPA: The Janata Party has not come out with any programme. Therefore, I feel that the Janata Party cannot fulfil the promises. They are only having day-dreams and half-baked ideas. We will take it up not only inside the Parliament but outside also and meet the challenge.

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BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
FOURTH REPORT

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN-  
TARY AFFAIRS AND LABOUR  
(SHRI RAVINDRA VARMA): Sir, I  
beg to present the Fourth Report of  
the Business Advisory Committee.

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MOTIONS RE. UNEMPLOYMENT  
PROBLEM—Contd.

PROF. R. K. AMIN (Surendra-  
nagar): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I think  
the statement of the Prime Minister  
has been more misunderstood than  
understood. To understand it properly,  
we have to examine it in certain  
context. We have to take for granted  
certain things in order to understand  
the statement given by the Prime  
Minister. He meant by the Statement  
that this promise is not like the promise