

received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh in January, 1986 was techno-economically appraised and the Advisory Committee in its meeting held in April, 1988 deferred its consideration pending resolution of inter-State aspects. The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra are holding mutual discussion in this regard.

Unemployed in Punjab

8875. BABA SUCHA SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of unemployment amongst educated, semi educated and uneducated registered with the employment exchanges or otherwise, male and female, urban and rural in Punjab; and

(b) the extent of migrated labour in Punjab and its bearing on the unemployment problem in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) According to latest available information the number of educated (metric and above) and uneducated (below metric including illiterates) job-seekers on the live register of employment exchanges in Punjab, not all of whom are necessarily unemployed, at the end of 1988 is as below:

(In Thousand)

	<i>Educated</i>	<i>Uneducated</i>
Male	224.9	251.8
Female	73.2	26.2

(b) The number of migrant labour varies from seasons to season, and it is not pos-

sible to give precise figures. However, as per the survey conducted in 1983 by the Labour Department, Punjab, the migrant labour was estimated at 2.8 lakhs in industry and agriculture. Migration is generally due to the availability of job opportunities.

Plantation Labour

8876. SHRI PALAI K.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the miserable working conditions, low wages and poor service conditions for the plantation labour;

(b) if so, whether Government contemplate to bring any new legislation for the Welfare of Plantation Labour; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Males/Females Registered with Employment Exchanges

8877. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of males and females (unemployed) registered with the employment exchanges in the Country;

(b) the number of persons given employment through the employment exchanges in Rajasthan during the last three years; and