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1. Since the second session of the Sub-Commission on Statistical Sampling much attention has been devoted to the possibilities of giving technical assistance to under-developed countries and countries desirous of developing their labour statistics. In connexion with statistics needed in manpower programmes, the topics of unemployment, underemployment and job openings may be considered. The Sub-Commission on Statistical Sampling might therefore be requested to consider the possibility of developing sampling methods applicable to such countries which could be utilized to furnish statistical information on these points.
2. With regard to unemployment, in the absence of the usual statistical sources available in statistically developed countries, can methods of statistical sampling be devised and recommended for furnishing basic information on the extent and trends of unemployment sufficient to give an adequate guide to manpower planning programmes?
3. With regard to underemployment, can methods of statistical sampling be devised and recommended which will give useful indications, sufficient for policy-making purposes, of the extent and development of underemployment?
4. With regard to job openings and opportunities, can methods of statistical sampling be devised and recommended, in the absence of any comprehensive scheme of employment exchanges, to give useful indications, sufficient for policy-making purposes, of the extent and development of job openings?
5. In order to make the question as concrete as possible, it is suggested that the recommendations of the Sub-Commission on Statistical Sampling might envisage conditions such as exist, for example, in a Latin American or a Far Eastern country.

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red that definite requests for technical advice  
come from one or more countries in connexion with the  
applied techniques for specific purposes in the  
power programmes. Thus far, no such specific  
request has been received. It is hoped, however, if such requests are  
received in order to transmit them to the Sub-Commission  
for their advice.

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