

be able to give cheap and effective medicines and produce them in our own country.

Shri Jethalal Joshi: May I know the specific items of which research in indigenous medicines is carried on at the Central Drug Institute at Lucknow? What are those items?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: I think if the hon. Member were to read the statement, he would get a very good idea of what is being done at the Drugs centre at Lucknow.

Shri Jethalal Joshi: May I know whether Government intend to make it compulsory to standardise indigenous medicines?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur: When we have sufficient information we can do it; but not until then.

Sari N. M. Lingam: One question, Sir.

Mr. Speaker: I am calling the next question.

EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES

*183. **Shri Bhagwat Jha:** (a) Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Employment Exchanges during the period from August to October, 1953 recorded an increase in registrations?

(b) What is the total number of unemployed as at the end of October 1953?

(c) Is it a fact that semi-skilled technicians are far more in number among those registered at the Exchanges?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) Figures for the month of October are not yet available. There has, however, been an increase in the number of registrations during the quarter July-September, 1953, as compared to the previous quarter.

(b) The number of persons seeking employment assistance through the

Employment Exchanges at the end of September, 1953, was 5,12,353.

(c) No.

Shri Bhagwat Jha: May I know if the Government propose to provide facilities for such registration in the rural areas as well?

Shri Abid Ali: It is not contemplated at present.

Pandit D. N. Tiwary: Is it a fact that registration at one place is not considered sufficient for purposes of employment at other place or zone?

Shri Abid Ali: Zones have been fixed for purposes of registration. In case there is shortage of a particular category in a particular zone, the Employment Exchange concerned asks for candidates from different zones.

Shri Bhagwat Jha: What is the percentage of unemployed persons who have been helped through these Employment Exchanges?

Shri Abid Ali: I can only give the figures of the persons who registered their desire to be served through the Employment Exchanges.

Shri Bhagwat Jha: I want to know what percentage has been helped by the Employment Exchanges. You have given figures of unemployed persons seeking employment. I want to know how many have been helped.

Shri Abid Ali: Out of the persons registered, formerly it was 25 to 30 per cent; now it is less.

TRAINING CENTRES

*184. **Shri Bhagwat Jha:** (a) Will the Minister of Labour be pleased to state what is the number of persons receiving training at different centres under the Ministry and what are the centres imparting training?

(b) Are there women also among the trainees?

(c) Is there any apprenticeship training scheme for displaced persons?