

(a) the number of unemployed persons given employment through the employment exchange offices during 1961; and

(b) what has been the trend in the matter of employment of the educated unemployed?

The Deputy Minister of Labour (Shri Abid Ali): (a) 4,04,077.

(b) Statistics concerning educated persons are collected quarterly. The number of placements in each quarter of 1961 is given below:

Ending March.	32,566
Ending June.	36,073
Ending September.	43,756
Ending December.	39,813
TOTAL	<u>1,52,208</u>

Rebate on Handloom Cloth in Madras

*157. **Shri Tangamani:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rebate on handloom cloth has not been paid to a large number of co-operative societies in Madras State;

(b) if so, reasons for the same;

(c) when will they be cleared; and

(d) what are the present arrears payable to the Madras State from the Centre?

The Minister of Industry (Shri Mauubhai Shah): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Export Promotion

197. **Shri Bal Raj Madhok:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints from exporters that the commercial offices abroad do not furnish information promptly and accurately which can help increase exports;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the addresses which the commercial offices abroad furnish to the exporters, are very old and not up-to-date and are of little use for export promotion; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) There have been two or three complaints.

(b) No. The Commercial Offices abroad make every effort to maintain the list of foreign importers as up-to-date as possible.

(c) There are standing instructions to our Commercial Offices abroad on the subject of trade enquiries. The complaints, if any, received are taken up with the Missions concerned for appropriate action.

Export of Small Scale Industries Products

198. **Shri Bal Raj Madhok:** Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a very large number of small scale industries products which are exported freely, can fetch a good volume of foreign exchange if exported at low prices or below the cost; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to fix certain percentage of import licences to be granted to such exporters in that category of goods against their exports to compensate the loss for increasing exports in view of tight foreign exchange position?

The Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry (Shri Satish Chandra):

(a) Yes.

(b) Several Export Promotion Schemes are already in force under which manufacturers are granted import licences for raw materials against the export of their products and this helps to reduce the export cost.