

(a) the number of educated and other unemployed persons in the country till November, 1973; and

(b) the number of such persons in April, 1973?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) and (b) Precise estimates of the number of unemployed persons in the country are not available. The available information relates to job-seekers registered with the Employment Exchanges for seeking employment assistance, which is given in the statement attached.

STATEMENT		(In lakhs)	
Category of jobseekers	Number of job-seekers on the Live Register as on		
	30.12.72	30.6.73	
	1	2	3
(i) Educated (Matriculates and above)	32.74	35.25	
(ii) Others Below (Matric including illiterates)	36.22	40.71	
TOTAL	68.96	75.96	

NOTE :—1. All the jobseekers on the live register of Employment Exchanges are not necessarily unemployed.

2. The figures given above exclude data in respect of University Employment Information and Guidance Bureaux except for two in Delhi (Delhi & Jamia Millia Universities).

3. Data relating to educated job seekers are being collected from the Employment Exchanges at half-yearly intervals ending June and December each year.

Interview of Assistants for posting to Supply Missions in London/Washington

5571. SHRI RAMJI RAM : Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Department of Supply called for interview in September, 1973 Assistants with less than the usual 5 years purchase experience for selection for posting to Supply Missions in London/Washington;

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(b) whether all the Assistants who appeared for interview possessed at least 3 years purchase experience on the 18th August, 1973, the date of the circular reducing the purchase experience to 3 years;

(c) whether out of the six Assistants included in the panel, there are assistants who do not have even 3 years purchase experience in the assistant Grade of their service;

(d) whether the purchase experience gained in the UDC Grade also was counted to bring the total purchase experience at 3 years in each case; and

(e) whether this defective Panel will be scrapped to remove the irregularities pointed above?

THE MINISTER OF SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) : (a) All the persons who had applied, excepting those who had foreign postings in the Supply Missions earlier, or selected for such postings, were called for interview and at that stage no evaluation of purchase experience was made for eliminating any applicant. The number of candidates interviewed was 35.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). All the 6 Assistants included in the panel had a total purchase experience of three years or more, though three of them had experience of less than three years in the grade of Assistants only.

(e) In preparing the panel, every effort was made to select the most suitable candidates to meet the requirements of job in foreign countries and due consideration was given to the length of purchase experience, though not in any particular grade. In view of the care which has already been exercised in forming the panel, it is not considered necessary to scrap it.

Posting of Officials to Indian Supply Missions Abroad

5572. SHRI RAMJI RAM : Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) The usual time taken by the Department of Supply in posting an official to Indian Supply Missions abroad from the date of his interview to the date of his departure from India; and