

conditions of the beedi workers in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to improve their working conditions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI BALGOVIND VERMA) : (a) The Director, Labour Bureau conducted during 1965-66 enquiry into the labour conditions of *beedi* Workers and published a report titled 'Survey of Labour Conditions in Bidi Factories in India (1965-66)'.

(b) The Beedi and Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966, a central legislation, provides for the welfare and regulates the conditions of the work of the beedi and cigar workers.

#### **Employment to Indian Construction Labour in Foreign Countries**

4992. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any foreign country has shown willingness to employ construction labour from India; and

(b) if so, the names of such countries and the reaction of Indian Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI SURENDRA PAL SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Increase in unemployed Medical Graduates**

4993. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a substantial increase in the number of Medical Graduates unemployed during the last two years?

(b) if so, the figures thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING (SHRI A. K. KISKU) : (a) and (b). A statement showing the number of medical graduates (including Post-Graduates) on the Live Registers of Employment Exchanges in each State/Union Territory at the end of 1971, 1972 and 30th June, 1973 is placed on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) Some of the State Governments have devised Special Employment Programmes for medical graduates which provide for opening of rural dispensaries, grant of stipends for serving in tribal and other areas, imparting of pre-service training, financial assistance for self-employment, etc.

#### *Statement*

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	No. of Medical Graduates (including Post Graduates) on Live Registers at the end of year		
		1971	1972	1973 (as on 30-6-73)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1400	1355	1329
2.	Assam	10	39	42
3.	Bihar	208	374	372
4.	Chandigarh	—	—	—

1	2	3	4	5
5	Delhi	440	626	761
6	Goa	21	31	60
7	Gujarat	23	64	69
8	Haryana	60	146	283
9	Himachal Pradesh	4	14	20
10	Jammu & Kashmir	1	1	2
11	Kerala	415	573	829
12	Laccadives	2	3	5
13	Madhya Pradesh	42	93	87
14	Maharashtra	108	187	239
15	Manipur	—	—	—
16	Karnataka	380	840	680
17	Orissa	443	396	505
18	Pondicherry	30	36	32
19	Punjab	22	97	99
20	Rajasthan	184	294	270
21	Tamil Nadu	107	144	240
22	Tripura	—	—	—
23	Uttar Pradesh	15	60	57
24	West Bengal	36	51	53
25	Meghalaya	—	—	—
26	Mizoram*	—	—	—
27	Nagaland	*	*	*
28	Andaman & Nicobar Islands*	*	*	*
29	Arunachal Pradesh	*	*	*
30	Dadra and Nagar Haveli*	*	*	*
ALL INDIA TOTAL		3953	5424	6034

NOTE —I \* No Employment Exchange is functioning in these States Union Territories

II — includes figures for University Employment Information and Guidance Bureaux except for two in Delhi (Delhi and Jamia Millia Universities)

III The registration being Voluntary, all unemployed doctors do not register with Employment Exchanges. Secondly, a number of employed persons register with the Employment Exchanges for better prospects.

#### Closure of Cement Plants in South for want of Coal

4994 SHRI D B CHANDRA GOWDA Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state

(a) whether the coal famine has affected the small plants in the South also,

(b) if so, the number of small plants of cement closed down for want of coal and

(c) whether the industry has undertaken some short term measures to save coal and also the production and if so, the salient features thereof?