

**Stoppage to admissions in ESI, PGI of
Medical Sciences and Research**

253. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has decided to stop admission of students in the ESI-Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences and Research; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) and (b) The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has, inter-alia, taken following decisions regarding medical education:

1. The focus of the ESI activities should be on providing primary secondary and super specialty medical care services to Insured Persons.
2. Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) should exist the field of medical education entirely as it is not the core function of the ESIC.
3. Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) may neither undertake further admissions in the medical colleges and other Medical Education Institutions (Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Nursing, Para-medical and Dental College) nor start new medical colleges. All ongoing Medical Education programme may continue till the admitted students pass out or are adjusted as per provisions of the Essentiality Certificate issued by the State Government, whichever is earlier.

Rate of unemployment

254. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of unemployment in the country;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to address this issue;

(c) whether the loss of employment is reflected in the unemployment figures; and

(d) if so, the details of loss in jobs in different sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) As per results of the survey on employment and unemployment conducted during 2011-12 by National Sample Survey Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation,