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(c) what action is being taken to increase the number of employment exchanges in the State and also to create awareness among women job seekers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) 13 Employment Exchanges at district level and six Employment Exchanges at sub-regional level are functioning in Jharkhand. There is no Employment Exchange at regional level in the State of Jharkhand.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Special camps to create awareness among women job seekers are arranged in women colleges and the facility for spot registration is also extended in these camps. There is a proposal by the State Government to set up six Employment Exchanges, which include three Special Employment Exchanges for physically handicapped.

#### **Racket in sending of Girls/Boys to gulf countries**

988. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a racket of sending poor girls/boys from various parts of the country to gulf countries on the pretext of providing lucrative jobs has come to Government's notice;

(b) if so, the number of such cases reported till date particularly from Punjab and Maharashtra;

(c) whether Government have held any enquiry to unearth such rackets and agencies involved therein particularly in Punjab and Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) There is no such information.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.