(c) whether Government would consider to make provision for assessment/ examination of ability/skill of students passing out from private ITIs by some outside agency, if so, time by when and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI ANANTKUMAR HEGDE): (a) Yes, at present there is no provision for assessment of examination of technical ability/skill of students who passed out from industrial training institutes (ITIs) including ITIs of private sectors by any outside agency.

- (b) As on date no such complaints have been received during last three years regarding lack of required ability and skill in students possessing passed out certificates from private ITIs and sale of certificates by private ITIs without imparting any training.
- (c) At present the Government is not considering for making a provision for assessment examination of the ability/skill of students passed out from private ITIs by some outside agency, as Directorate General of Training (DGT) of MSDE is conducting fair examination at the same level for all the trainees of industrial training institutes (ITIs) including private ITIs on pan India basis and hence there is no need to make such provision.

## Induction of young professionals in sail

3016. SHRI SANJAY SINGH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in lieu of retired professionals, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has not undergone any recruitment process so far for the induction of young professionals in the industry, if so, the reasons therefor, and
- (b) if so, the details of percentage or number of professionals aged between 25-40 years, recruited so far since the introduction of modernisation and expansion in 2012?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) and (b) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is having a well established process of formulation of Annual Human Resource Plan (HRP) to take care of selective recoupment against superannuations and providing manpower for new facilities coming under modernization and expansion projects. While formulation of HRP, thrust is given on manpower rationalization, manpower cost reduction and improving manpower profile w.r.t. age, qualification and skills. In previous HRPs upto 2015-16, recoupment @ 15% to 25% of superannuations have been considered to ensure timely recoupment of critical positions. However, from 2016-17 onwards thrust is on recoupment of statutory and critical positions.

The Year-wise details of number of recruitments/joining including the number of professionals recruited at age between 25-40 years in SAIL since 2012-13 onwards is as under:—

Year	No. of Recruitment/Joinings		
	Executives	Non-Executives	Total
2012-13	679	2922	3601
2013-14	517	3059	3576
2014-15	812	1829	2641
2015-16	356	1841	2197
2016-17	16	1419	1435
2017-18 (upto Feb.'18)	27	427	454

Job loss in April-June quarter of 2017

3017. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that there has been a loss of 87,000 jobs in April-June quarter of 2017 according to sixth round of Quarterly Employment Survey released by Labour Bureau in February, 2018; and
- (b) what steps have been taken by Government to improve the growth rates in employment in view of rapidly increasing workforce, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) As per the sixth round of Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) released by Labour Bureau, which measures relative change in employment situation over successive quarters in eight sectors of Non-farm Industrial economy viz. Manufacturing, Construction, Trade, Transport, Education, Health, Accommodation and Restaurants and IT/BPO, having 10 or more workers, there has been an overall increase of 64,000 jobs during the April-June quarter of 2017. The 6th round survey data also indicates a fall in manufacturing sector employment to the tune of 87,000. This may be due to seasonal activities of manufacturing units during the monsoon period.

(b) Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country like encouraging private sector of economy, fast tracking various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes such as Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Gaurantee Scheme (MGNREGA), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya