(e) whether Government proposes to review existing laws/guidelines to check exploitation by placement agencies and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) to (c) This Ministry issued guidelines to all State Governments on 30.10.2003 for operation of Private Placement Agencies. Complaints against fraudulent activities by private placement agencies are dealt with by the State Governments. As per the information received from State Governments. As per the information received from state Governments, around 257 complaints have been received as given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) and (e) The Ministry has entrusted a Study on ILO convention 181 regarding Private Placement Agencies to V.V. Giri National Labour Institute. The scope of study includes a gap analysis of existing legal frame work at both National and State level.

Statement

Information with respect to complaints received against fraudulent activities as reported by various States

State	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Andhra Pradesh	24	17	17	22	80
Andamanand Nicobar Administration	Not Received	Not Received	01	Not Received	01
Chhattisgarh	Information received in consolidated form			12	
Delhi	3	4	4	3	14
Kerala	3	2	2	3	10
Maharashtra	Not Received	27	20	21	68
Rajasthan	Not Received	16	16	32	64
Uttrakhand	Information received in consolidated form			08	
Total					257

Generation of employment opportunities

- 839. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been a sharp decline in job offers in the country during the last five years;

- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken and being taken by Government to generate more employment opportunities in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) and (b) Employment generation is both a cause and consequence of economic growth and is impacted by demographic shifts and technological transformation. As per information collected from the State Governments, details of number of vacancies notified through employment exchanges for the last five years has varied and is given below:-

Years	Vacancies Notified (in Lakh)		
2009	4.20		
2010	7.07		
2011	8.20		
2012	6.83		
2013	5.61		

(c) In addition to the existing public employment generation schemes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), and National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), the Government is promoting labour-intensive manufacturing and increasing employment opportunities by promoting tourism and agro-based industries. To improve exchange of employment related information in the labour market, the Government has also decided to convert the Employment Exchanges into Career Centres in collaboration with the State Governments for providing counseling services to the students and job-seekers along with other employment related assistance.

New ESIC hospitals in Tamil Nadu

- 840. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether Government is in the process of establishing three new Employees' State Insurance Corporation hospitals in Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof; and
 - (b) By when these hospitals would be ready for public use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) Yes, Madam. Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has approved establishment of 100 bedded ESIC Hospitals each at Tirupur, Tuticorin, Kanyakumari and Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu.