

## **Employment in the organized sector**

10.11 Organized sector employment accounts for only a small proportion (7 to 8 percent) of the total workforce, and on March 31, 2003 was 27 million of which 69 per cent was in the public sector (Appendix Table 3.3). Employment in the organized sector declined by 0.8 per cent in 2003 due to a decline of the public sector employment by one per cent in 2003.

10.12 As per the data available from the 947 employment exchanges as on September

2004, 4.08 crore jobseekers were registered with the employment exchanges, 70 percent of which were educated (10th standard and above) and 26 per cent were women job seekers. The maximum number of job seekers awaiting employment was in West Bengal (69.3 lakh). The placement was maximum in Gujarat, whereas the registration was maximum in Maharashtra. The placement effected by the employment exchanges at the all-India level during January-September, 2004 was of the order of 1.03 lakh as against 2.12 lakh vacancies notified during this period.