

## CHAPTER VI

## Employment Situation

6.1. There is no direct information about changes in the employment position, but if Employment Exchange figures are any indication at all, it has to be concluded that there have been more employment opportunities during 1959 than during 1958. The figure for placings by the Exchange for almost every month of 1959 is higher than that for the corresponding month of 1958. The total number of placings in 1959 was about 10 per cent higher than that in 1958. This is all the more remarkable in view of the fact that the number of employers using the Exchange has been less in 1959 than in 1958. Thus, it cannot be said that the larger number of placings in 1959 reflect merely the fact that more use has been made of the Exchange by employers. The impression that the overall employment position has probably improved is reinforced by the fact that the number of registrations with the Employment Exchange has also been considerably less in 1959 than in 1958.

TABLE—6.1

Table showing some Employment Exchange Statistics.

	1959	1958
Number of placings	9,487	8,617
Number of Employers using the Exchange	2,666	2,935
Number of registrations	1,06,790	1,41,025

6.2. While we have figures for new registrations of factories as well as for closures of factories (discussed in the preceding chapter) statistics for factory employment for 1959 are not yet ready. If however we assume that the employment in the factories that have either been opened or closed during the year are equal to the averages of the corresponding industries, it may be estimated that employment has increased between the months of January and September 1959, by about 7,000. At this rate, new factory employment over the whole year may be estimated at 10,000. We have already seen that in 1958, there was additional employment to the extent of 20,000. The situation this year is therefore worse than in the last year, as far as increase in industrial employment is concerned.