

## **127 vacancies in the Labour Dept will be filled within three months in Puducherry**

Minister for Labour M. Candassamy on Sunday said that it was not possible to claim that there is no child labour in Puducherry. In order to identify the orphaned children who are forced to work, he directed the Labour Department to carry out the survey of orphans and children with single parents.

“Once these children are rescued, the government will take the responsibility of their education,” he said.

He also directed the department officials to conduct a survey to collect information on the number of people working in the different industries and the places they reside. “The officials will conduct this survey within a week. Based on this report, at least 50 per cent reservation in those industries would be provided for the residents of Puducherry,” he said.

He added that the 127 vacancies in the Labour Department will be filled within three months. The Minister for Labour stated that many industries were closed down during the tenure of the previous government. “We will try to bring more industries to Puducherry,” he said.

Mr. Candassamy said that loans to traders will be granted only after ensuring that they have set up the shops. Many have claimed loans without setting shops and failed to clear the loans. He also said that the red ration card holders were more in Puducherry. “A census would be conducted to find out the number of people living in thatched huts, houses, literates and workers,” he said.

During a Legal Literacy programme on the occasion of World Day against Child Labour organised by National Legal Services Authority on Sunday under the

auspices of the Union Territory of Puducherry Legal Services Authority, Puducherry Chief Justice C.V. Karthikeyan stressed that it is the responsibility of every individual to ensure child rights are protected.

Secretary to Government (Law) G. Sendil Kumar presided over the function.

The Chief Justice said that this day was being observed every year in an effort abolish the practice of child labour completely from the world.

The Right to Education (RTE) Act, Child Rights Protection Act and UNESCO rules has been framed to protect the rights of children.