3. <u>SELECTION OF APPRENTICES</u>

As per provisions of the Act, it is the responsibility of the employers to make the selection of apprentices as per notification from the candidates who fulfil the minimum standard educational qualification and medical fitness for undergoing the apprenticeship training under the Act. However, the employers may participate in the centralized selection / job mela conducted by BOPT-ER from time to time for selection of apprentices.

A person shall not be qualified for being engaged as an apprentice to undergo apprenticeship training in any designated/optional trade unless he/she-

- (a) Is not more than 14 years of age; and
- (b) Satisfy such standards of educational and physical fitness as prescribed under the Act.