

Rising unemployment due to globalisation

2029. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that industrial slow-down and globalisation are responsible for the rising unemployment in the country;

(b) whether Government are also aware that prolonged joblessness had led to frustration and discontentment among the unemployed youth and pose a big problem for the country; and

(c) if so, why Government and the private sector are bent upon to cut jobs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Due to globalisation and economic liberalization some employment opportunities in the older type of enterprises might have been reduced due to declining efficiency but at the same time fresh employment opportunities are being created in a number of new areas such as information technology, tourism, financial services etc.

The approach to the Tenth Plan focuses on providing gainful high quality employment to the additions to the labour force and it is listed as one of the monitorable objectives for the 10th Plan and beyond. The growth strategy for the future lays emphasis on promoting growth of those sectors which are likely to create high quality employment opportunities and deal with the policy constraints that discourage growth of employment. Particular attention is paid to the policy environment influencing a wide range of economic activities which have a large employment potential.

Mechanism to look after the interest of senior citizens

2030. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any mechanism in the country to look after the interest of senior citizens;

(b) if so, the details of the mechanism; and