

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Hundred and Ninety-eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry.

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI VILASRAO DESHMUKH): Sir, I beg to make a statement regarding status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Hundred and Ninety-eighth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry.

Status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Hundred and Ninety-sixth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): Sir, I beg to make a statement regarding status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Hundred and Ninety-sixth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development pertaining to University and Higher Education.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): Now, Calling Attention. Shri D. Raja.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

The situation arising out of the large scale loss of jobs due to retrenchment and closure of industries including industries in the IT Sector as a result of global economic slowdown and recession and Government's reaction thereto

SHRI D. RAJA (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I call the attention of the Minister of Labour and Employment to the situation arising out of the large scale loss of jobs due to retrenchment and closure of industries including industries in the IT Sector as a result of global economic slowdown and recession and Government's reaction thereto. ...*(Interruptions)*... Sir, we have not received the copy of the statement.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): It is being circulated.

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE): Sir, the impact of global slowdown on the Indian economy has been felt since the middle of 2008. Keeping in view the importance and multi-faceted nature of the challenge, the Ministry of Labour and Employment convened the 42nd Session of Indian Labour Conference, which epitomizes the process of tripartite consultation, in February, 2009. An agenda item on 'Global Financial Crisis — its effect viz., large-scale downsizing, lay-offs, wage cut and job losses, etc.' was discussed by the Conference in this sitting. Measures suggested by the Conference to fight global slowdown include urgent steps to stimulate domestic demand, greater investment in infrastructure and housing, and strict implementation of labour laws.