

Budget allocation for SC/ST employees

†* 146. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that budget allocation is made by Government for welfare, promoting the skill and development of the employees belonging to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes categories;

(b) if so, the purposes and the works for which this budget allocation is made;

(c) the allocation made under this head for Employees' State Insurance Corporation during the last four years; and

(d) the names of the heads under which the fund allocated by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation has been utilized along with the purposes for which the said fund has been utilized?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE): (a) and (b) The training programmes are organized by various Ministries/Departments to enhance and upgrade the skills of their employees including those belonging to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes out of their overall budget allocation.

(c) and (d) Employees' State Insurance Corporation is a self supporting organisation and does not receive any budgetary support from Government of India.

Export of animal products

†*147. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's contribution in international trade of animal products is negligible;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any plan has been formulated or is proposed to be formulated by Government to boost the export of animal products; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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