

Enforcement of Social Security Scheme

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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had enforced social security scheme in the country in January, 2004;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard together with the number of zones in the country in which this scheme was started in the first phase;

(c) the number of persons that have benefited, so far under this scheme; and

(d) the number of zones to which this scheme will be extended by March, 2005?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Government launched the Unorganised Sector Workers' Social Security Scheme, 2004 in January on pilot basis in 50 districts covering all States/UTs except Andaman, Nicobar and Lakshadweep.

(c) About 3500 unorganised workers have been registered under the scheme.

(d) Presently, the scheme is being re-worked in consultation with the Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance.

Growth of Service Sector

*40. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the future growth of our GDP would be influenced by the growth of the service sector substantially;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to set up an agency to explore the potential for growth of the various sub-sectors of services in the next few years and create the manpower and financial inputs for the rapid

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growth of service sector through extension of manpower training and provision of liberal bank finance in view of the fact that service sector accounts for 40 per cent of our GDP;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Services sector has been the fastest growing component of the Indian economy in recent years and is expected to continue to play a leading role in the future.

(b) to (d) Different Ministries of Government of India are already engaged in removing barriers to growth and in creating enabling environment for services sector to blossom. The Services sector is very diverse and *inter-alia* includes sub-sectors like education, health, transport, services, communications, banking and other financial services, retail trade, other trade, real estate, public administration, software, BPO, commercial services, etc. Each of these has its own issues and problems, and, therefore, each sector needs a different mechanism and strategy for exploring its potential for growth. Different Ministries/Departments of the Government of India are also responsible for drawing up of strategies for manpower development and for encouraging liberal bank finance.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Employment in Agro and Rural Industries

†70. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons employed in the agro based and rural industries and the percentage of persons working in above industries out of total employed persons;

(b) whether it is a fact that the employment opportunities in both the above category of industries have declined; and

(c) if so, the details of the measures being taken to promote the agro and rural industries and increase the job opportunities therein?

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