

skilling 56.54 million persons over a period of 10 years at a total cost of Rs. 1013.08 crore have been approved by the Corporation out of which a sum of Rs. 115.48 crore has been disbursed upto 28th July 2011.

Decline of employment rate during Eleventh Plan

†437. SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during Eleventh Five Year Plan employment rate has declined to 39.2 per cent from 42 per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that during the said period we have logged far behind the target of providing employment to five crores people; and

(c) if the replies to the above questions are in affirmative the action being taken by the Government to deal with the above problems?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE): (a) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office. Last such survey was conducted during 2009-10. As per the results of the latest two surveys, employment rate (Worker Population Ratio) has declined to 39.2 percent in 2009-10 from 42 percent in 2004-05.

(b) As against the target of creation of 58 million additional job opportunities during the Eleventh Plan, about 20 million job opportunities on current daily status were created during 2004-05 to 2009-10.

(c) Government of India has been making continuous efforts through normal growth process and by implementing various employment generation schemes such as, Swarana Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) besides entrepreneurial development programmes run by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.

Scarcity of employment opportunities in towns adjoining Delhi

†438. SHRI NARENDER KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.