

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE):
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 results of the surveys conducted during 1972-73, 2004-05 and 2009-10, percentage distribution of employment of rural male in India is given below:—

Year	Employment distribution of rural male (%)
2009-10	54.7
2004-05	54.6
1972-73	54.5

Labour force participation rate

1682. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) for women was the lowest in 2009-10 since 1993-94; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

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(b) Decline in Labour Force Participation Rate for women during 1993-1994 to 2009-10 may be attributed mainly to their increasingly higher participation in education.

Sops for textile sector

1683. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has announced slew of sops for textile sector;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to provide duty credit for exports to US and European Union (EU);