

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?

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 surveys conducted during 1993-94 and 2009-10, labour force participation rate for women as per usual status basis was estimated to be 28.7 per cent during 1993-94 and 23.3 per cent during 2009-10 in the country, respectively.

(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);

(c) whether it is also a fact that the exports to US and EU had been affected recently; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has introduced several export promotion measures in the Union Budget 2011-12 as well as through schemes of Foreign Trade Policy 2009-14, including incentives under Focus Market Scheme and Focus Product Scheme; enhancing the coverage of Market Linked Focus Product Scheme for textile products and extension of Market Linked Focus Product Scheme etc.

(b) Exports of all apparel and clothing items covered under chapters 61 and chapter 62 of ITC Classification of Export and Import, have been provided incentives in the form of for duty credit scrip under the Market Linked Focus Product Scheme (MLFPS) for exports to USA and the European Union. The duty credit would be available in respect of exports made during 1.4.2011 to 31.3.2012 @ 2% of FOB value of exports.

(c) No, Sir. Exports of textiles and clothing products to US and the EU have not been affected adversely in recent times.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Reservation in promotion**

1684. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation in promotion is strictly followed and implemented in the Ministry as per provisions made in the Constitution through 77th Amendment;

(b) if so, the details of promotions made during the last three years in all categories;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by when the same would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Payments through NEFT by regional offices of EPFO**

1685. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Employee Provident Fund Organisation has instructed all regional offices to ensure that most payments take place through National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT);