

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
32.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	1.0	1.4	3.3	3.0	4.8	5.3
33.	Daman and Diu	1.0	3.0	0.3	3.0	4.0	2.4
34.	Lakshadweep	19.4	10.0	7.5	25.0	9.7	5.7
35.	Puducherry	4.0	4.1	7.0	8.1	3.0	3.1
	ALL-INDIA	1.5	4.7	1.7	4.5	1.6	3.4

Decline in employment rate

1661. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:

SHRI K.E. ISMAIL :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the employment rate in the country has declined in the five year period ending 2009-10 to 39.2 per cent from 42 per cent in 2004-05 according to the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) data; and

(b) if so, the details of the employment rate during the period 2004-05 and 2009-10 both in agriculture and non-agriculture sector and what is the Government's reaction thereto?

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 last two most recent surveys, estimated employment rate as per usual status basis has declined to 39.2 per cent in 2009-10 from 42.0 per cent in 2004-05.

(b) The details of the employment rate during the period 2004-05 and 2009-10 both in agriculture and non-agriculture sector are as follows:—

<i>Employment Rate (%)</i>		
	2004-05	2009-10
Agriculture	58.44	53.20
Non-Agriculture	41.56	46.80

Government of India aims at creating more and more employment in non-agricultural sector in both rural and urban areas through implementing various wage paid and self-employment generation programmes in order to absorb the persons who are being pushed off from agricultural sector.