

Annual rate of employment vis-a-vis growth rate of GDP

1051. SHRI D. BANDYOPADHYAY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the "India Human Development Report 2011" published by the Institute of Applied Manpower Research of the Planning Commission;

(b) if so, what was the average annual rate of growth of employment during the period of 1999-2000 and 2007-08, the period which experienced acceleration in GDP growth; and

(c) whether the average annual percentages of growth of employment match the average annual rate of growth of GDP in the aforesaid period, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Average annual rate of growth of employment during the period of 1999-2000 and 2007-08 was 1.4%.

(c) Average annual rate of growth of employment during the period of 1999-2000 to 2007-08 was 1.4%, while average annual rate of growth of GDP at factor cost during the period was 7.2%. The report has not co-related the average annual rate of growth of employment to that of average annual rate of growth of GDP.

Introducing Scholarship Scheme for Education of Labourers' Children

1052. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government collects a cess for labourers welfare incurred by builders;

(b) if so, the details of amount collected in the last three years;

(c) whether Government is considering introducing a scholarship scheme for the education of labourers' children based on this amount or any other;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and