

Job loss due to slowdown of economy

2912. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL :

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

- (a) whether Government has made any assessment regarding the total job loss in the country as a result of the recent slowdown of economy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is considering to take steps so that new jobs are created; and
- (d) if so, the sector-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE) : (a) and (b) Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour & Employment has been conducting a series of quick employment surveys since January, 2009 to study the impact of global economic slowdown on employment in Indian economy. These surveys are being conducted for selected sectors of the economy which are sensitive to the global economic factors. The survey is conducted in few important sectors of the economy viz. Textiles, Leather, Metals, Automobiles, Gems & Jewellery, Transport, IT/BPO and Mining. According to the results of the 13th quarterly survey conducted during October-December, 2011, the overall employment has shown an increase of 25.84 lakh during the period October, 2008 to December, 2011.

(c) and (d) Generation of employment is a function of economic growth. Approach paper to the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17) suggests focus on faster, sustainable and more inclusive growth for creating adequate livelihood opportunities. GDP growth of 9% has been proposed for the 12th Plan. Government is taking all necessary steps to enhance the employability and employment in the country. Measures have been taken to boost labour intensive manufacturing sectors, such as, food processing, leather products, footwear, textiles and services sector, such as, Tourism, Construction and also Information Technology Enabled Services. Sector-wise details of employment generation have not been indicated in the Approach paper to the 12th Five Year Plan. However, it estimates that the manufacturing sector will have to create around 3 to 4 million jobs over and above the pace of job creation in the recent past.

Enhancement of minimum wage

2913. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL :

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that various proposals have been submitted to the Ministry for enhancement of minimum wage to Rs. 10,000/- per month;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that this Ministry is actively considering to enhance the minimum wage in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE) : (a) to (d) The matter was raised by some of the employees' trade unions to enhance the minimum wages to Rs. 10,000/-per month in the 44th session of Indian Labour Conference held on 14th -15th February, 2012. However, the Ministry of Labour & Employment has no proposal at present to enhance the minimum wages to Rs. 10,000/- per month.

Presently, the minimum wages are revised quinquennially in the Central Sphere. Further, Variable Dearness Allowance is revised twice a year to offset the impact of price rise as reflected in the Consumer Price Indices.

Trends in rate of unemployment

2914. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise trends in the rate of unemployment over the last two years;
- (b) whether India's unemployment number are presented only once in every five years as compared to other countries which have figures on a quarterly basis; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALIKARJUN 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 results of last two surveys, state-wise trends in the rate of unemployment on usual status basis during 2004-05 and 2009-10 are given in Statement (*See below*).

(b) and (c) Quinquennial labour force surveys on employment and unemployment are conducted by National sample Survey Office once in every five years. Labour Bureau under Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India has conducted first annual household survey on employment and unemployment in 300 districts covering 28 States/UT's in the country for the period 2009-10.