

pending introductions due to various constraints like non-completion of gauge conversion works, non-receipt of necessary clearance from the Commissioner of Railway Safety (in case of newly opened and gauge converted sections), etc. These trains will be introduced as soon as the constraints are overcome.

**Train connectivity of important cities of Gujarat**

4024. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways earn more than fifty per cent of its gross freight revenue from Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Railways to operate direct trains from important cities of Gujarat to connect all metro cities of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Railway earnings are accounted for Zonal Railway-wise and not State-wise. The state of Gujarat spans across Western and North Western Railways. The approximate Gross Freight Revenue of Indian Railway during 2011-12 is Rs. 68647 crores which includes freight earning of Rs. 5411 crores and Rs. 2629 crores of Western and North Western Railways respectively.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Introduction of trains on Indian Railways is not done on State-wise basis as railway network and train operations run across state boundaries. Introduction of new trains on Indian Railways is an ongoing process on Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility, availability of resources, traffic justification etc.

**Revision in IIP data**

4025. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether IIP reported at 5.9 per cent in November revised to 1.8 per cent by December, 2011 and for January, 2012 pegged at 6.8 per cent corrected to 1.1 per cent last week after overestimation of sugar output;
- (b) if so, reasons therefor;

(c) whether overestimating Q-1, GDP Growth on demand side increased from 3.7 per cent to 10 per cent, Ministry of Commerce overestimated export targets by \$9 Billion in December, 2011;

(d) whether errors were committed in past too, if so, when and nature thereof; and

(e) actions taken against responsible with names and steps taken to ensure fool proof system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) and (b) Growth rate of Index of Industrial Production (HP) for November, 2011 was reported as 5.9% as First Revision on 10th February, 2012. Subsequently the growth rate for November, 2011 has been revised as Final Revision to 6.0% on 12th April, 2012.

Similarly, the growth rate for December 2011 was released as 1.8% as Quick Estimate on 10th February, 2012 and has been subsequently revised to 2.5% as First Revision on 12th March, 2012.

Growth rate in HP as per Quick Estimate for January, 2012 was released as 6.8% on 12th March, 2012. Subsequent to this release and during preparation of HP for February, 2012, it was detected that in the HP for January, 2012, the production data of sugar was incorrectly reported. Immediately after detection of the error, the revised growth rate for the month of January, 2012 was compiled. Due to this change and also minor updation of data received from other source agencies, the growth rate for January, 2012 was revised from 6.8% to 1.1% (first revision) on 12th April, 2012.

(c) GDP on the demand side is derived as GDP at factor cost plus indirect taxes less subsidies. Thus, the growth rate of demand side of GDP does not get affected by the change in export figures. Correction in Q-1 expenditure GDP growth rate from 3.7% to 10% for the year 2010-11 was done in September, 2010 due to an inadvertent error in the application of appropriate price deflator.

(d) Revision in IIP and other short term economic indicators are done as per design based on availability of updated data. Such revisions do not necessarily indicate errors in compilation.

(e) In order to prevent recurrence of errors in reporting production data, all the concerned source agencies have been requested to adhere to the time frame

for supplying error free data for compilation of IIP. Further, a Working Group has been set up under the Chairmanship of Dr. Saumitra Chaudhuri, Member, Planning Commission, for revision of base year of IIP, which has to inter-alia recommend for appropriate method of data collection for IIP.

#### **Unemployment survey by NSSO**

4026. SHRI SHANTA KUMAR: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) conducts unemployment survey after every two years;
- (b) if so, when was the last survey conducted;
- (c) the latest total number of unemployed youths in the age group of 18 to 25 years in the country; and
- (d) the details thereof, rural and urban area-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) Employment and Unemployment Surveys are generally conducted once in five years.

(b) The last survey on the subject was conducted in NSS 66th round during July, 2009 - June, 2010. Another survey on the subject is being conducted in NSS 68th round (July, 2011— June, 2012).

(c) As per NSS 66th round the total number of unemployed in the age group of 18 to 25 years in the country according to usual status is estimated as 5.19 million.

(d) Rural and urban area-wise figures of unemployed in the above age-group are 3.10 and 2.09 million respectively.

#### **MoU with States under ISSP**

4027. SHRI AMBETH RAJAN: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has signed State-specific Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with any State, especially with Uttar Pradesh, under India Statistical Strengthening Project (ISSP); and