

**Reducing Unemployment Rate in the Country**

1680. SHRI N.K. SINGH : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether every 1 in 10 workers in India remains unemployed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether growth in India over the past few years has occurred without the creation of jobs;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) what steps are being taken by Government to reduce the unemployment rate in the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE) : (a) and (b) 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 the most recent survey, unemployment rate in the country on usual status basis is 2.0 percent during 2009-10.

(c & d) Gross Domestic Product (at 2004-05 prices) in the country has grown at the rate of 8.7 percent per year during 2004-05 to 2009-10, whereas estimated employment on usual status basis has grown at the rate of 0.28 percent per year during the same period.

(e) Government have taken several steps to reduce unemployment in the country. The focus is on creation of productive employment at a faster pace in order to raise incomes of masses to bring about a general improvement in their living conditions. The job opportunities are created on account of growth in Gross Domestic Product (GDP), investment in infrastructure development, growth in exports etc. Government of India has also been implementing various employment generation programmes, such as, Swarana Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); Swamajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) besides entrepreneurial development programmes run by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.

**Programmes for Eradication of Child Labour**

1681. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of child labourers at present in the country;