

Construction of building for industrial tribunal in Odisha

131. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state whether Government will sanction funds for the construction of own building of industrial tribunal at Bhubaneswar and three Labour Courts at Bhubaneswar, Sambalpur and Jajpur?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE): No proposal for construction of own building in respect of the Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-labour Court at Bhubaneswar, set up by the Central Government for adjudication of industrial disputes arising in central sphere, is presently under consideration of the Government. The three labour courts at Bhubaneswar, Sambalpur and Jajpur are administered by the State Government and, therefore, no information is available with the Central Government in this matter.

Impact of economic slowdown on employment

132. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the slowing down of the economy has impacted on the employment in the organised and unorganised sectors of the country; and

(b) whether any study has been conducted or assessment has been made in this regard and what remedial measures the Ministry has taken or going to take to arrest the reduction in employment?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE): (a) and (b) Fourteen quarterly surveys in quick succession on the effect of global economic slow-down on employment in India have been conducted by Labour Bureau attached to the Ministry of Labour and Employment. The surveys covered selected sectors of the economy encompassing exporting and non-exporting units. The sectors covered under the survey were textiles including apparels, leather, metals, automobiles, gems and jewellery, transport, IT/BPO and Handloom/Power loom. According to these surveys, overall employment has shown an increase of 26.80 lakh during the period October, 2008 to March, 2012. The employment declined only in two quarters of surveys so far *i.e.* October, 2008 to December, 2008 and April, 2009 to June, 2009.

Import of textiles from China

133. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the imports of textiles from China during the last five years;