

Employment creation in production sector

‡2582. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the labourers in the country are in the age group of 30 to 49;

(b) if so, whether It is also a fact that the working capacity of the labourers of the said age-group is the highest;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that the employment creation in production sector is less in comparison to the labour class available in the country due to which the balanced and equitable growth has become a challenge in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH) : (a) to (d) Directorate General of Employment and Training has reported that as per the results of the quinquennial labour force survey on employment and unemployment during 2009-10 by National Sample Survey Office, workforce in the age group of 30-49 was estimated at about 225 million, which is approximately 48.3 per cent of the estimated total workforce of 465.48 million. Productivity is regarded as an increasing function of age that increases with work experience. Higher experience of work yields high productivity and therefore this segment of the population is regarded as the most productive age group of workers. It is expected that nearly half the additions to the Indian labour force over the period 2011-30 will be in the age group 30-49. Therefore, the Government is committed to reap demographic dividend for more faster and inclusive growth.

Unemployed youth in the country

2583. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the rising unemployment among the country's youth;

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