

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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(b) if so, the details of steps Government has taken to generate employment in the country;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the year-wise and sector-wise details of the new employments generated in the country in the past five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH) : (a) Government of India is fully aware that unemployment rate amongst the youth in the age group of 15-29 of the country estimated on usual status basis has increased from 5.4 per cent in 2004-05 to 5.7 per cent in 2009-10.

(b) and (c) Government of India has been making continuous efforts through normal growth process and by implementing various employment generation schemes to create additional job opportunities for educated and uneducated youth in the private and public sectors in the country. Some of the important ones are, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) besides entrepreneurial development programmes run by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

(d) Broad Sector-wise additional employment generated (estimated on usual status basis in million) during 2004-05 to 2009-10 is given below:

Broad Industry	Additional employment between 2004-05 and 2009-10 generated
Agriculture	(-) 20.91
Industry	16.51
Services	10.80

Health cards for health insurance under RSBY

2584. SHRI N. BALAGANGA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government issues health cards for citizens for getting health insurance under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY);