

Women in wage employment under MDG

1058. SHRI N. K. SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that given the state of progression, the projected share of women in wage employment in the country can at best reach a level of 23.1 per cent by 2015, as opposed to the target of 50 per cent under the Millennium Development Goals (MDG);

(b) if so, whether measures are being taken by Government to increase the participation of women in wage employment to meet the target under MDG; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH): (a) It has been estimated in Millennium Development Goals Report 2011 released by Central Statistical Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation that the share of women in wage employment can at best reach a level of about 23.1 per cent by 2015.

(b) Twelfth Five Year Plan focuses heavily on sectors like health, education, sanitation etc. Large proportion of wage employment opportunities created in these sectors is likely to be availed by the women.

(c) Ministry of Labour and Employment is imparting skill training among women under Craftsman Training Schemes, Apprenticeship Training and Modular Employable Schemes under Skill Development Initiative to increase employability of women and possibility of their wage employment. Around 2.5 lakh seats are available for female candidates in ITIs in the country.

Migration of agricultural workers

1059. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the general wage level of agricultural workers has increased over a period of time consistent with the rise in other sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last five years and if not, the reasons therefor,