

have been detailed in Chapter 24 namely “Social Inclusion” of the Twelfth Plan document which is available on the official website of the Planning Commission i.e. www.planningcommission.nic.in.

System for assessment of growth rate of GDP

†2097. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri Abhijit Sen, a Member of Planning Commission, has requested Government to upgrade the system of assessment of annual growth rate of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has considered this request and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any proposal has been formulated for upgradation of the system of assessment of growth rate of GDP and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA): (a) Shri Abhijit Sen, Member, Planning Commission has not made any official request to the Government regarding the upgradation of the system of assessment of annual growth rate of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the country. However, in an interview to PTI, he mentioned that modeling of the economy is not as robust as it should be, given that the world situation is so much volatile.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, do not arise.

Increase in jobless population

2098. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the current report by Government there is an increasing number of growth of joblessness in Agricultural and Industrial Sectors during the UPA Government's tenure and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the action Government is going to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA): (a) Based on data of the Employment-Unemployment Surveys of the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), between 2004-05 and 2011-12, employment on Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status (UPSS) is estimated to have declined by about 35 million in the Agricultural Sector whereas it increased by almost 31 million in the Industrial Sector. The overall employment in the country is estimated to have increased by around 15 million during this period including services sector.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.