

- (a) whether the rate of unemployment has increased during the year 2012-13;
- (b) if so, the year-wise details thereof during the last three years; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government to reduce the rate of unemployment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH): (a) and (b) As per the results of the surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), unemployment rate as per usual status during the last three survey results are as below:

Period	Unemployment rates in (%)
2004-05	2.3
2009-10	2.0
2011-12	2.2

(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 & Medium Enterprises.

Amendment to Indian Migrant Labour Act, 1979

1629. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state whether Government is bringing necessary amendment in Under-state Migrant Labour Act, 1979 to make it more effective as more than 10 crore migrant labourers are moving inside the country every day?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH): The Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Amendment Bill, 2011 was introduced in Rajya Sabha on 18.08.2011. It was referred to the Standing Committee on Labour on 24.08.2011 for review and examination. The bill has been returned with the recommendations to bring in comprehensive amendments in the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment & Conditions of Service) Act, 1979.