

into more modern, swanky and effective camps attractive to the modern youth, as was envisaged by the Prime Minister;

- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time of their commencement; and
- (c) how will they function and the budget allocated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) The Government has decided to transform Employment Exchanges into Career Centres, for providing counselling services to the job seekers along with other employment related assistance in collaboration with the state governments.

(b) and (c) The Ministry is implementing a project for development of National Career Service by modernizing the existing National Employment Services. The Project has an outlay of Rs. 148.7 crore for the duration of 12th Five Year Plan. The Project comprises development of a National Portal to facilitate registration of candidates, notification of vacancies, career counseling and other employment related assistance.

Employment for non-technical graduates in Bihar

2227. SHRIMATI KAHKASHAN PERWEEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that most of the people from Bihar are graduates in non-technical streams;
- (b) whether Government has made any survey about the non-technical educated employed persons there;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the total number of unskilled workers;
- (d) whether in view of modern technology, they may not be suitable for any job; and
- (e) if so, what is the strategy of Government to address the issue of their employment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) to (c) National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, conducts survey on

employment and unemployment in the country. As per results of the survey report on Status of Education and Vocational Training in India, number of technical and non-technical graduates and above among persons above 15 years age in the state Bihar was estimated at 9.3 lakh on usual status during 2009-10. Details of employed workers according to education level are given below:

Education Level	Workforce (in lakh)
Not literate	120.7
Literate & up to Primary	48.4
Middle	28.3
Secondary	34.2
Higher Secondary	15.4
Diploma/Certificate course	0.8
Graduate & above	9.3
TOTAL	257.1

(d) and (e) New technology, brought about by structural changes due to economic development, requires different set of skills. Government has laid emphasis on skill upgradation of the workforce so that they are relevant to industry. National Skill Development Agency has been set up to coordinate action among central Ministries in this context and around 75 lakh persons have been skilled during 2013-14. To improve exchange of employment related information in the labour market, the Government has also decided to convert Employment Exchanges into Career Centres in collaboration with State Governments for providing counseling services to students and job-seekers along with other employment related assistance. The Government is also reviewing apprenticeship schemes to enlarge participation of small and medium industries so as to enhance employability in the country.

Revision of EPF Pension

2228. DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to revise the pensionable salary from Rs. 6500 to Rs. 15000 under the Employees Provident Fund Scheme 1995 (EPFPS 1995);