

Rising unemployment rate

2237. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether unemployment rate in the country is showing an increasing trend since 2011 when it was 3.5 per cent and rose to 3.6 per cent in 2012 and to 3.7 per cent in 2013, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether International Labour Organisation (ILO) has also pointed out in its report that unemployment scenario in India has deteriorated over the last two years and the rate could be 3.8 per cent this year, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to support skill and retaining activities to address gap between demand and supply of work skills and qualifications to address long-term unemployment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI): (a) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through labour force survey conducted by National Sample Survey Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. Last such survey was conducted during 2011-12. As per results of two most recent surveys, during 2009-10 and 2011-12, unemployment rate on usual status among persons of all ages has increased from 2.0 per cent to 2.2 per cent.

(b) According to information received from International Labour Organisation (ILO) unemployment rates may differ from data published by national sources due to difference in coverage and/or definitions. ILO has used an empirical model for estimation, according to which the estimated increase from 3.5 per cent to 3.7 per cent is not statistically significant. Government relies on estimates released by NSSO.

(c) The 12th Five Year Plan projects 5 crore new work opportunities to be generated in the non-farm sector and skill certification to equivalent numbers. National Skill Development Agency has been set up to coordinate action among central Ministries in this context to make youth more employable. It has also been decided to use at least 10% of Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA-SCP), Multisectoral Development Programme funds and 5% of Boarder Area Development funds for skill development and enhancing employability of youth.

Study by NSDC on requirement of Skilled Labour Force

2238. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any study has been conducted by the National Skill Development