Employment in tourism and agro-based industries

1963. SHRI K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to strategically promote labour intensive manufacturing and expand employment opportunities by promoting tourism and agro-based industries;
 - (b) if so, the details of the proposal;
 - (c) whether any plan is being prepared in this regard; and
 - (d) if so, by when it is likely to be finalized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) to (d) Estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey (NSS) Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. According to the last 3 surveys, the workforce grew from 45.91 crore in 2004-05 to 47.41 crore persons in 2011-12 and the sector-wise employment is given below:

(in crore persons)

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Workforce by Major Sector	2004-05	2009-10	2011-12
Agriculture and Allied	26.83	24.74	23.18
Industry	8.35	10.00	11.50
Services	10.73	11.81	12.73
Total	45.91	46.55	47.41

The estimates of workforce by major sectors show an increase in the overall level of employment with an increase in the industry and services sector.

Further, the National Manufacturing Policy of the Government targets to create 10 crore jobs by the year 2022. The Twelfth Five Year Plan projects 5 crore new work opportunities to be generated in the non-farm sector and provide skill certification to equivalent numbers. In order to improve the employability of youth, 21 Ministries run skill development schemes across 73 sectors. According to the data compiled by National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), about 76.37 Lakh persons were given skill development training in the year 2013-14 under these schemes.

Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country like encouraging private sector of economy, fast tracking various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) run by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) scheme run by Ministry of Rural Development and National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) run by Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation.

Vigilance committees constituted as per BLSA Act, 1976

1964. SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) currently how many vigilance committees are constituted as per the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) (BLSA) Act, 1976;
- (b) the States which have functioning bonded labour telephone helplines and how many people have been rescued as a result of these;
- (c) whether a State nodal cell is being considered to monitor the problem of bonded labour in each State, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government has sent an order to the States for having a State Action Plan on the issue of bonded labour and if so, the details thereof?