

**Unemployment in Puducherry**

2179. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the labour force survey on employment and unemployment conducted in 2011-12, there is more than 2 per cent of unemployment in Puducherry;

(b) if so, the sector-wise details thereof;

(c) whether any latest survey has been conducted by the NSSO after 2011-12;

(d) if so, the details of the outcome of the above survey in the country, with a particular reference to Puducherry; and

(e) the efforts being made by Government to reduce unemployment in Puducherry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) and (b) As per the results of recent labour force survey on employment and unemployment conducted in 2011-12 by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the estimated unemployment rate in Puducherry on usual status basis was 2.1% during 2011-12. The distribution of workers on usual status basis by broad industry of work *viz.* agriculture sector, secondary sector and tertiary sector was 48.9%, 24.3% and 26.8% respectively.

(c) and (d) Labour force surveys on employment and unemployment are conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) and last such survey was conducted in 2011-12. In addition the Labour Bureau also conducts employment and unemployment survey. The unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above for all India is 3.4% and Puducherry is 8.8% for 2013-14.

(e) Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country including Puducherry 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. In order to improve the employability of youth, around 20 Ministries run skill development schemes across 70 sectors. According to the data compiled by National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), about 76.12 lakh persons were given skill development training in the year 2014-15 under these schemes.