

including apparels, leather, metals, automobiles, gems and jewellery, transport, IT/BPO and Handloom/Power loom. According to the survey results, overall estimated employment in all selected sectors has experienced a net addition of 11.48 lakh jobs during the year 2014 and 2015.

(c) 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. 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), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, number of persons skilled across various sectors are given below:

Year	Persons skilled (in lakh)
2012-13	51.88
2013-14	76.37
2014-15	76.12
2015-16 (till Oct., 2015)	28.85

Distressed condition of women beedi workers

1218. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 8 million beedi workers, most of them women are in distressed condition and currently agitating for their long standing demands;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and

(c) the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to improve condition of these women beedi workers and to provide training in less hazardous and better paying jobs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) and (b) Central Government

received a number of representations from both Beedi workers and their employers concerning possibility of unemployment and loss of job to Beedi workers as a consequence of increasing pictorial warning to 85% of the display area on the packages.

On receipt of representations against the Government notification regarding pictorial warning, Ministry has held a stakeholder consultation meeting on 21.4.2016 and has conveyed its concern to the appropriate quarters.

(c) The Ministry of Labour and Employment is implementing various welfare schemes to improve the living conditions of the Beedi workers in general. Also since the Beedi industry is declining the Labour Welfare Organisation is providing vocational training to the Beedi workers to equip them to take to alternate profession.

Launching of National Career Service Portal

1219. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently launched a career portal 'National Career Service';

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) the number of job seekers and employers registered with this portal;

(d) the details of expected number of job opportunities would be created within a span of three years from now; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken to create awareness among the young aspiring job seekers of the country especially the rural people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) to (e) The Ministry is implementing the National Career Service Project for linking employment exchanges and other institutions using technology to provide a variety of employment related services like career counselling, vocational guidance, information on skill development courses, apprenticeship, internships. These service are available online on the National Career Service Portal (www.ncs.gov.in) supported by Call Centre/Helpdesk. The portal provides for training/skilling institutions to register and post their courses which can be accessed by all users. The NCS service can be availed directly through the Employment Exchanges/Career Centres and Common Service Centres. Prime Minister dedicated this portal to the Nation on 20th July 2015. Approximately 3.59 crore Job Seekers and 9 lakh employers are registered on the portal. The NCS has partnered