

**Quality of Labour**

1716. SHRISANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps for the improvement of the quality of labour in order to improve the productivity; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) Improvement in quality of labour with a view to increase the productivity envisages skill development retraining, redeployment, updating knowledge-base of worker teachers, social security measures, creation of healthy work environment etc. Various labour laws and schemes are geared towards attainment of these objectives.

**Placements in Iraq through recruitment agents**

1717. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that numerous job seekers in India especially in Mumbai are trying for their placements in Iraq through recruitment agents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these recruitment agents are approved by Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

**Job seekers In urban areas**

†1718. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

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