

- (e) give such financial assistance for the education of children of the beneficiaries as may be prescribed;
- (f) meet such medical expenses for treatment of major ailments of a beneficiary or, such dependent, as may be prescribed;
- (g) make payment of maternity benefit to the female beneficiaries; and
- (h) make provisions and improvement of such other welfare measures and facilities as may be prescribed.

The Central Government has been issuing directions from time to time under Section 60 of the BOCW (RECS) Act, 1996, to the State Governments and UT Administration for providing social security coverage to the buildings and other construction workers as mandated under Section 22 of the Act.

Percentage of working Muslim women

4570. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of Muslim women working in agriculture, manufacturing and services sector of the economy;
- (b) the percentage of Muslim women in the formal and informal labour force of the country;
- (c) whether the Minister plans to increase the proportion of women in general and Muslim women in particular among the highly skilled workforce of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) to (d) The data in regard to working population in agriculture, manufacturing and services sector of the Indian economy on the basis of religion is not maintained. According to the survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) during 2011-12, the total employment in both organised and unorganised sector in the country was 47 crores. Out of this, about 8 crores were in the organised sector and the balance 39 crores in the unorganised sector, Government has launched Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) with an objective of Skill Certification to enable a large number of Indian youth including women to take up industryrelevant skill training to help them in securing a better livelihood.