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2013-14	20.00 lakh	13.38 lakh
2014-15	20.00 lakh	16.54 lakh
2015-16	20.00 lakh	22.51 lakh

(c) and (d) The number of NGOs/VOs which were allotted funds and number of women workers benefited under the Scheme in last three years are as under:

Sl. No.	Year	No. of NGOs allotted funds	No. of Women benefited
1.	2013-14	11	14,700
2.	2014-15	11	17,100
3.	2015-16	15	22,150

Target fixed for providing employment to youth

†2329. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:

SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA:

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

(a) whether Government had fixed any target for providing employment to the unemployed youth;

(b) if so, the targets fixed for the financial years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17, respectively;

(c) whether the targets fixed for the said financial years have been achieved;

(d) if so, the number of persons who got employment; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) to (e) The 12th Five Year Plan projected 5 crore new job opportunities to be generated in the non-farm sector and will provide skill certification to the equivalent number. Year-wise targets for employment are not fixed, however the employment levels are estimated from labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) and Labour Bureau. As per the result of surveys on employment and unemployment conducted by Labour Bureau, the estimated workforce and unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above on usual status basis is given below:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

	2013-14	2015-16
Estimated Workforce (in crore persons)	48.04	46.77
Unemployment Rate (in %)	3.4	3.7

To assess the effect of economic slowdown on employment in India since January, 2009, Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment, has been conducting Quarterly Quick Employment surveys in the selected labour-intensive and export-oriented sectors namely textiles including apparels, metals, gems and jewellery, automobiles, transport, IT/BPO, leather and handloom/power loom. The coverage of the quarterly Quick Employment Survey has since been enhanced during 2016 with more industries/sectors and as per the results of the Survey during 2016, the net addition of jobs during the quarter ending September, 2016 over the quarter ending June, 2016 were 0.77 lakh workers

Fall in unemployment rate

2330. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the unemployment rate was between 9 per cent and 8.5 per cent in the months of January to September 2016 and fell to 5.69 per cent in the month of November 2016, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has anticipated reasons for this fall in the unemployment rate, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time-line anticipated by Government when this rate will show an upward trend, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) to (c) Unemployment and employment rates are estimated through labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office and Labour Bureau. As per the result of these surveys conducted by Labour Bureau, the estimated unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above on usual status basis in the country during 2013-14 and 2015-16 was 3.4% and 3.7% respectively.

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