

Job losses as per QES

*220. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the employment data have been released by the latest quarterly Quick Employment Survey (QES);
- (b) if so, which are the top five sectors showing job losses; and
- (c) the reasons therefor and the status of self-employment in this Survey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per 3rd round of Quarterly Quick Employment Survey (QES) (new series), there was an overall increase of 32 thousand workers over the previous quarter *i.e.* 1st October, 2016 over 1st July, 2016, across 8 sectors at all India level. Out of 8 sectors, only 4 sectors namely construction, Trade, Accommodation and Restaurant and Education Sectors showed an overall decline of 18 thousand over the previous quarter.

(c) Out of the overall increase of 32 thousand workers, there was a decrease of one thousand self-employed over the previous quarter *i.e.* 1st October, 2016 over 1st July, 2016, across 8 sectors at all India level.

Development of Kutch as an international tourism destination

*221. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to market Kutch in Gujarat as an international tourism destination; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The promotion of tourist destinations and products is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism (MoT) promotes India as a holistic destination and as part of its on-going activities undertakes print, electronic, online and outdoor media campaigns in the international and domestic markets, under the Incredible India brand-line.