

**Expenditure on skill development**

110. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the unemployment rate in India has shot up to a five-year high of five per cent during 2015-16 and about 77 per cent of the households were reported to be having no regular wages/salaries in the country;

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

(c) the amount spent by Government on skill development in various parts of the country during the last two years and the persons benefited with jobs from these programmes, so far; and

(d) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for increasing employment in various sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) and (b) As per the Annual Employment-Unemployment Survey conducted by Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment, the estimated unemployment rate for the persons aged 15 years and above was 5% based on usual principal status (UPS) approach. However, as per usual principal and subsidiary status (UPPS) approach this was 4.0%, 3.4% and 3.7% during the year 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2015-16 respectively.

As per the Employment -Unemployment Survey report 2015-16 (Vol-1), at All India Level, 77% of the household were reported to be having no regular wage/salaried persons. However, the survey also suggests that majority of the employed persons *i.e.* 46.6% of the workers were self employed. Only 17% of the employed persons were wage/salary earners.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has spent ₹ 1184.65 crore in the year 2015-16, and ₹854.32 crores during the current financial year so far for skill development programmes. The schemes of Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship are meant for enhancing the employability of individuals. A total of 2.44 lakh trained under Prime Minister Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) were placed since 2015-16.

A new Scheme "Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojna" has been initiated by the Ministry of Labour and Employment in the year 2016-17 for incentivising industry for promoting employment generation.