

Employment-Unemployment Survey

774. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether discrepancies have been observed in the data collected under the Employment-Unemployment Survey;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether Government has considered a survey exclusively for the informal sector to ensure proper data availability for proper policy framing of the unorganised sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) and (b) No discrepancies have been observed relating to the data collected in Employment-Unemployment Surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO). Ministry of Labour and Employment has conducted Annual Employment-Unemployment Surveys during the period 2009-10 to 2016-17. The differences in estimates generated by surveys on Employment-Unemployment conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment are due to difference in aspects like coverage, survey period, reference period, etc. To measure quarterly changes of various indicators of the labour market in urban areas as well as to generate the annual estimates of different labour force indicators at national level, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has launched a new Employment-Unemployment Survey, namely, Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) from April, 2017.

(c) Government has not conducted any survey exclusively for informal sector. However, necessary information relating to informal enterprises/sectors are collected in Employment-Unemployment Surveys. Besides, National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has recently conducted an all-India survey on unincorporated non-agricultural enterprises during its 73rd round (July, 2015 to June, 2016). The Key Indicators report based on the NSS 73rd round is available on the website of the Ministry (www.mospi.gov.in). Further, to address the issues of informal sector, a proposal to carry out the Annual Survey of Unincorporated Non-Agricultural Sector Enterprises (ASUSE) on annual basis has been included in the proposal of surveys to be conducted by the NSSO during the period 2017-20.