

Jobs in agriculture sector

2582. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has noticed that jobs in agriculture and allied sector have reportedly declined during past four years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of number of jobs created during 2014-15 to 2017-18 in agriculture sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT): (a) and (b) As per the latest Survey on 'Employment and Unemployment Situation in India' conducted by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), the estimated workforce engaged in agriculture and allied sector has come down from 24.74 crore in 2009-10 to 23.18 crore in 2011-12, *i.e.*, about 6 percent. The shift in workforce from primary (agriculture) sector to secondary and tertiary sectors is a normal phenomenon of the development process experienced by countries across the world and the same is true for India as well.

(c) Data on numbers of created jobs in agriculture sector is not available for the said period.

Damage of coconut crops in Tamil Nadu

2583. DR. SASIKALA PUSHPA RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government deputed any officials/experts from Coconut Development Board to delta districts of Tamil Nadu to help or assist farmers particularly coconut growers whose crops and coconut trees were severely damaged in recent Gaja Cyclone; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government *vide* ON dated 03.12.2018 has constituted a committee of officials/experts from Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India and Coconut Development Board (CDB) comprising of Joint Secretary (MIDH), Horticulture Commissioner and Chairman, CDB to visit the districts of Tamil Nadu, affected by Gaja Cyclone.