

Agricultural employment

2845. SHRI ANIL DESAI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) number of days of agricultural employment given to the rural workers throughout the country, particularly in Maharashtra;
- (b) the number of agricultural workers among them; and
- (c) the number of rural workers who are getting minimum wages in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV): (a) As per the information provided by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the data is not available with National Sample Survey Office (NSSO). However, from the results of the last Employment-Unemployment Survey (EUS), conducted during its 68th round (July, 2011 - June, 2012), it was estimated that in rural areas, on an average in a week, number of person-days in Current Daily Status (CDS) engaged in agricultural sector was 1141.18 million.

(b) As per the information available from the results of the latest Employment-Unemployment Survey (EUS), it was estimated that number of workers in rural areas in usual status (principal status + subsidiary status) engaged in agricultural sector was 198.16 million.

(c) The NSSO does not maintain a record of number of rural workers getting minimum wages in the country.

Restoration of water bodies in rural areas

2846. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any special projects or schemes for restoration and rejuvenation of water bodies in rural areas of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the total amount allocated in the last three years;
- (c) whether the Union Government has provided technological and financial support to the river restoration projects undertaken in rural areas of Tamil Nadu; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?