

with National/International statistical agencies, increasing awareness about use of statistics, strengthening statistical co-ordination etc.

Withdrawal of NSSO report on job survey

3771. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the NSSO's job survey report was withdrawn before it was later published in May, 2019, and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the reasons for delay in releasing the latest NSSO report on job survey;
- (c) whether there is any difference in the draft report that was withdrawn by Government and the one that was published later and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to undertake a new method of collecting data on the status of employment or unemployment in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) Government launched a new regular employment-unemployment survey, namely, Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) during 2017-18 with certain changes in survey methodology, data collection mechanism and sampling design *vis-a-vis* the earlier quinquennial (once in every five years) employment and unemployment surveys of NSSO. The PLFS was launched with an objective of measuring quarterly changes of various labour market statistical indicators in urban areas as well as generating annual estimates of these indicators for rural and urban areas.

Based on the survey results, the first Annual Report (July, 2017-June, 2018) of PLFS was released on 31st May, 2019.

(b) and (c) The responsibility to oversee the finalization and dissemination of labour force statistics, emanating from various surveys of the Government including PLFS, is with the Standing Committee on Labour Force Statistics (SCLFS). The SCLFS in its various meetings discussed the issues related to the comparability, sampling designs, sample size for the purpose of the Annual Report (July, 2017 - June, 2018) of PLFS, etc. The SCLFS also constituted a Sub-Committee to examine issues related to the methodology of the PLFS. The SCLFS recommended that a note on changes in the sampling design adopted in PLFS *vis-a-vis* the earlier surveys on employment and

unemployment be prepared and attached in the Annual Report (July, 2017-June, 2018) of the PLFS.

(d) Standing Committee on Labour Force Statistics (SCLFC) has been constituted with eminent experts/academicians and representatives from major user Ministries/ Departments of the Government to periodically review the system and methodology relating to the surveys on Labour Force Statistics including that of PLFS on continuing basis and recommend, *inter alia*, the improvements in survey methodology whenever required.

Admission in Indian Institute of Handloom Technology, Salem

3772. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Institute of Handloom Technology, Salem has allotted 50 per cent of its seats for B.Tech. in Handloom Technology and Textile course exclusively to the candidates from Tamil Nadu and the remaining 50 per cent seats to the candidates from the entire country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether this policy of admission is deviation from the very purpose of its establishment?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) to (c) Government of India, Ministry of Textiles had introduced four year degree course "B.Tech. in Handloom and Textile Technology" at Indian Institute of Handloom Technology, Salem from the academic session 2015-16 with an approved intake of 60 students per year. This programme is affiliated to Anna University. The allocation of seats has been done as per norms of the affiliating University.

CFCs for development of textiles

3773. DR. L. HANUMANTHAIAH:

SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme for setting up of Common