is implementing the National Career Service (NCS) Project for transformation of the National Employment Service into National Career Service to provide a variety of employment related services *viz.* job matching, career counseling, vocational guidance, information on skill development courses, etc. The project has three components - NCS Portal, Interlinking of Employment Exchanges and Model Career Centers. The services of the project are available online on the digital platform (*www.ncs.gov.in*) and is supported by Call Centre/Helpdesk.

Ratification of ILO conventions

1879. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) how many ILO conventions are ratified by India so far;
- (b) what is the status of implementation of the recommendations of ILO conventions binding on India, how many are implemented and how many are yet to be implemented and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government admits the fact that India is continuously violating ratified ILO conventions; and
 - (d) whether Government is planning to overcome this allegation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) India has ratified 47 Conventions and 1 Protocol of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) so far.

- (b) ILO recommendation is an instrument providing guidance to member countries on policy, legislation and practice and is not open to ratification. Hence it is not binding on member countries.
- (c) and (d) As per the policy of Government of India, ILO Conventions are ratified only when we are fully satisfied that the existing laws and practices are in full conformity with the provisions of the said Convention. The implementation of ratified ILO conventions and their recommendations are ensured by framing legislations and amending the existing laws in line with the provisions of the Conventions. As a result, every ratified convention in India is either backed by a supporting legal or policy framework or is embedded in the Constitutional guidelines which are adhered to in practice.