[RAJYA SABHA]

Starvation death

*207. SHRI RIPUN BORA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the country is still fighting starvation deaths;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last five years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a recent incident of starvation death in a relief camp in Tripura; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN): (a) to (d) No State Government/Union Territory Administration has reported any incidence of starvation death during the last five years. Media reports alleging starvation deaths from time to time have not been substantiated.

There has been no starvation death in Tripura relief camps.

Impact of skill development programmes

*208. SHRI MANISH GUPTA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 25 crore youth are likely to enter the workforce over the next decade, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what is the anticipated impact on the skill development programmes launched by Government;

(c) the details of the result of the efforts so far to skill over 40 crore youth by 2022; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that in the context of the adoption of new technologies and digitization, job competencies required are changing and if so, the expected impact on the future job situation with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY): (a) to (d) As per the National Policy on Skill Development and Entrepreneurship 2015, 104.62 million fresh entrants to the workforce