GOVERNMENT OF INDIA LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projected employment demand, person-days, the cost per person-day alongwith the number and types of proposed works/schemes in this regard;

(b) whether the International Labour Organisation (ILO) has recently advised the Government to take steps to prevent unrest caused by the manifold increase in unemployment across the country; (

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard;

(d) the details of State-wise additional employment generated during the last financial year, sector-wise; and

(e) the number of employees brought under the Pension Scheme (PS) and Employees State Insurance (ESI) scheme for other benefits also in various sectors, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) Eleventh Five Year plan has projected creation of 58 million additional employment opportunities on current daily status basis and their sector-wise details are given below:

Industry Incremental Employment during
Eleventh Five Year Plan
(in million)

Agriculture 0

Industry 23.88

Services 34.19

Total 58.07

(b) & (c) ILO has published a special issue on the impact of the Global Economic Crisis on youth titled Global Employment Trends for Youth, August 2010. The Report notes that in developed and some emerging economics, the crisis impact on youth is felt mainly in terms of Unemployment and the social hazards associated with joblessness and prolonged inactivity. However, the youth unemployment rate did not increase at all between 2007 & 2009 in South Asia, of which India is a part. The report also notes that the global economy is in the early stages of recovery from the largest negative economic shock since the Great Depression. In another ILO report published on the occasion of the G 20 Summit in Seoul 11-12 November 2010, it has been reported that positive employment growth has been observed in most of the countries in the second quarter of 2010 even compared to first quarter of 2010, once adjusting seasonality. Employment has regained its level of 2006 in high income countries and is some 8 percent above that level in emerging countries. The action taken by the Government to overcome economic slowdown, such as implementation of the three stimulus packages, the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, higher investment in social sector and infrastructure development programmes such as Bharat Nirman, Prime Minister's Gram Sadak Yojana, Indira Awas Yojana, National Highways Development Programme, etc. are contributing to the revival of the economy and creating jobs as well as helping those who were rendered jobless. Government also implements 'Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana' under Employees State Insurance Scheme wherein the insured worker and his family are entitled to about 50% of wages up to a period of one year and medical benefits in case of loss of job.

(d) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO). Last such survey was conducted during 2004-05. The actual achievement of additional employment generated during the last financial year would be known after the results of the 61st round of quinquennial survey conducted during 2009-10 by National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) become available in 2011.

(e) State-wise membership under the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 is given at Annex -I and Statewise number of employees

covered under the Employees State Insurance Scheme are given at Annex-II.