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REVAMPING SURVEY METHODOLOGY

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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposes to revamp the survey methodology for periodic collection of employment and unemployment data;
- (b) if so ,the details thereof;
- (c) whether any Committee has been constituted in this regard;
- (d) if so ,the details thereof;
- (e) the details of the report on Periodical Labour Force Survey; and
- (f) the action taken on the finding and recommendations made in this report in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF COAL AND STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b) The National Statistical Commission (NSC), in its 25th meeting held on 22nd January, 2009, felt that there existed a requirement for periodic employment and unemployment data besides the quinquennial surveys of the NSSO and was of the opinion that the survey could be considered for the urban areas to start with.

(c) & (d) A Committee was constituted at the instance of NSC under the chairmanship of Prof. Amithabh Kundu, the then member of NSC to examine the issue further and consider a new mechanism for organizing such surveys. The terms of reference of the committee were to prepare a detailed proposal to establish a framework to collect and disseminate monthly/ quarterly Labour Force data at the national and state levels in urban areas, inter alia examining the following issues –

- (i) Survey design, methodology and concepts to be used in the survey;
- (ii) the minimum set of items on which data are to be collected in the monthly/ quarterly surveys; and
- (iii) the mechanism for data collection, processing and dissemination.

(e) The Committee submitted its report on conducting Periodical Labour Force Surveys (PLFS) and releasing quarterly estimates on employment and un-employment.

(f) The Report of the committee was considered by the NSC in its 31st meeting held on 18th & 19th March, 2010 on the basis of comments received from some experts. The NSC recommended for constitution of a Committee to address the issues relating to laying down of methodology for conduct of a Pilot Survey and to suggest further simplification in the methodology to generate quarterly indicators of Labour Force. Accordingly a Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. Amitabh Kundu with members from National Sample Survey Office.