GOVERNMENT OF INDIA LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT LOK SABHA

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EFFECT OF APPLICATION OF MODERN SCIENTIFIC METHODOLOGIES ON EMPLOYMENT.
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a threat to the existing labour and the possibility of future employment in the application of modern scientific methodologies in industries leading to reduction of labour;
- (b) if so, whether this threat has been taken cognizance of by the Government; and
- (c) if so, the measures taken to protect the existing labour strength on the one side and to develop potential areas for labour recruitment?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) to (c) Ministry of Labour & Employment has not conducted any study in this regard. However, NASSCOM has reported that the use of application of modern scientific methodologies has not led to reduction of labour and the possibility of future employment in Information Technology/ Information Technology enabled Services (IT/ITeS) industry. The use of this application is not a threat to the IT/ITeS industry or any other sector. In fact, workforce has been continuously increasing from 39.7 crore in 1999-2000 to 45.9 crore in 2004-05 and 46.5 crore in 2009-10.