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

- (a) whether the International Labour Organisation has adopted a new global standard on the creation of a social security floor aimed at stimulating aggregate demand and fostering social cohesion;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received certain suggestions from ILO make social protection amongst the workers in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

- (a): During the 101st session of International Labour Conference (ILC) held in Geneva in June, 2012, a new ILO Instrument in the form of an Autonomous Recommendation on Social Protection Floors was adopted by ILO.
- (b): The Recommendation provides that ILO member states shall establish and maintain social protection floors as a fundamental element of their national social security systems. For the purpose of this recommendation, social protection floors are nationally defined set of basic social security guarantees which secure protection aimed at preventing or alleviating poverty, vulnerability and social exclusion.
- (c) to (e): ILO Recommendations are non-binding and set out guidelines for orienting national policies and actions. Government of India has extended its overall support to the instrument while at the same time emphasizing that each country should have its own Social Protection Floor on the basis of existing socio-economic conditions, national priorities and keeping in view the availability of resources. Government of India and various State Governments have a number of schemes for providing social security to workers both in the formal and informal sectors. Further action on Social Protection Floor will be taken up in consultation with concerned Ministries, ILO and other stakeholders.