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RISE IN UNEMPLOYMENT

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted employment and unemployment survey during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether unemployment level has risen alarmingly during the said period;
- (d) whether million's of both rural and urban women including skilled and unskilled have also lost their jobs during the said period;
- (e) if so, the details in this regard;
- (f) whether employment opportunities in both agricultural and industrial sector have also gone down continuously; and (g) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to generate more employment in the country both in urban and rural areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH)

(a) & (b) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. Last such survey has been conducted during 2011-12 and the results released in June 2013.

(c) According to the NSS results, the estimated unemployment rate on usual status basis has marginally increased in the country from 2.0 per cent in 2009-10 to 2.2 per cent in 2011-12.

(d) & (e) According to the NSS results, the estimated number of employed women on usual status basis including skilled and unskilled in both rural and urban areas in the country during 2009-10 and 2011-12 is given below:

(In million)

Location	2009-10	2011-12
Rural	105.67	101.95
Urban	25.59	27.44
Total	131.26	129.39

(f) No, Sir. According to the NSS results, the estimated employment on usual status basis in agricultural and industrial sector in the country during the period 2009-10 and 2011-12 are given below:

(In million)

Broad	2004-2005	2009-2010	2011-2012
Industry			
Agriculture & Allied	268.30	247.39	231.79
Industry	83.47	99.98	114.98
Services	107.32	118.12	127.31
Total	459.10	465.48	474.10

(g) Government of India has been making continuous efforts through normal growth process and by implementing various employment

generation schemes to create additional job opportunities both in rural and urban areas in the country. Some of the important ones are, Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana, National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme in addition to various entrepreneurial development programmes run by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium enterprises.