

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the labour force participation in the country has been on a decline due to absence of employment opportunities;
- (b) whether the rise in unemployment rate is also due to the rise in percentage of self-employed; and
- (c) if so, the extent to which the various on-going skill upgradation programmes are likely to improve the supply of workforce to the needs of employment market in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey (NSS) Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The last such survey has been conducted during 2011-12 and the results released in June, 2013. As per the results of the two most recent surveys, the labour force participation rate on usual status basis in the country has registered a marginal decline from 40.0 per cent during 2009-10 to 39.5 per cent during 2011-12. However, in terms of numbers, the estimated labour force has rather increased by 9.73 million persons from 474.98 million during 2009-10 to 484.71 million persons during 2011-12.
- (b) No. Sir, Self-employment persons are considered to be employed in economic activity.
- (c) The question does not arise.