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WORK FORCE OPPORTUNITIES OF EMPLOYMENT
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the workforce 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 (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) & (b) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO). Last such survey was conducted during 2011-12. As per results of the surveys, conducted during 2009-10 and 2011-12, the Labour force participation rate (LFPR), worker population ratio (WPR) and unemployment rate as per usual status (principal and subsidiary) are given below:

	2009-10	2011-12
LFPR %	40.0	39.5
WPR %	39.2	38.6
Unemployment rate %	2.0	2.2

Self employment is included in employment and therefore it is reflected through WPR.

(c): The 12th Five Year Plan projects 5 crore new work opportunities to be generated in the non-farm sector and skill certification to equivalent numbers. National Skill Development Agency has been set up to coordinate action among Central Ministries and around 75 lakh persons have been skilled in 2013-14 to enhance their employability. The Apprentices Act, 1961 has been amended to provide more opportunities for youth and to engage more number of apprentices by industry. The skill upgradation programmes are intended to produce skilled labour force in order to minimize the mismatch between demand and supply so as to cater to the needs of the skilled manpower requirements of the industries in the backdrop of innovative and technological changes.