

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:215

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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted the Periodic Labour Force Survey on pilot basis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the employment and unemployment data collected on the basis of said survey;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to conduct frequent surveys at an all India level to measure employment growth on regular basis in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which the legislation for the said exercise is likely to be finalised?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION,
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS
INDIAN AFFAIRS [GENERAL (Dr.) V.K. SINGH (Retd.)]

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Starred Question No. 215 for answer in Lok Sabha on 11.3.2015

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): A Pilot Survey on Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) was conducted in the urban areas of three States of Himachal Pradesh, Odisha and Gujarat during July 2011-June 2013 for testing the survey methodology. In the said Pilot Survey, information was collected inter-alia on household characteristics, current weekly activity particulars, hours worked, activity status, industry of work, occupation, earnings for regular wage/salaried work, casual labour & self-employment activity, etc.

(c) & (d): The 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation includes the proposal to carry out the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS). The main objective envisaged of the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) is to measure quarterly changes of various indicators of the labour market in urban areas as well as to generate the annual estimates of different labour force indicators both in rural and urban areas.

The Annual estimates of the parameters (both rural and urban areas) will broadly cover (i) Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), Worker Population Ratio (WPR) & Unemployment Rate (UR), (ii) Distribution of workers by industry and occupation, and (iii) Average earnings of workers. The quarterly estimates of changes for urban areas will inter-alia cover Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), Worker Population Ratio (WPR) and Unemployment Rate (UR).

(e): No separate legislation is required to conduct the said Periodic Labour Force Survey.