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IMPACT OF ECONOMIC MELTDOWN ON INDIAN LABOUR

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

- (a) the number of man-days generated by various employment generation programmes under implementation during the last three years and the current year, State/year-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted comprehensive study on the impact of global economic meltdown on Indian labour and industry;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) the number of workers who have lost their jobs due to closure of various industries because of the economicmeltdown; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for rehabilitating the affected workers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through labour force surveys on employment and unemployment conducted by National Sample Survey (NSS) Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. Last such survey was conducted during 2011-12. According to the last 3 such surveys, the workforce grew from 45.91 crore in 2004-05 to 47.41 crore persons in 2011-12. Year/ State-wise details of man-days generated by various employment generation programmes are at Annex-I-IV.

(b) & (c): To assess the effect of economic slowdown on employment in India since January, 2009, Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour & Employment, has been conducting Quarterly Quick Employment surveys in the selected labour-intensive and export-oriented sectors namely textiles including apparels, metals, gems & jewellery, automobiles, transport, IT/BPO, leather and handloom/powerloom. So far twenty two such surveys have been conducted by Labour Bureau. According to the survey results, overall estimated employment in the selected sectors has experienced a net addition of 34.71 lakh jobs starting from the first survey (October, 2008 to December, 2008) till the 22nd Survey (April, 2014 to June, 2014). Sector-wise details are at Annex-V.

(d): As per the information compiled by the Labour Bureau, the State-wise details of factories/units closed during the last three years and workers affected is at Annex-VI. There has been no closure of factories in the central sphere.

(e): The Government has no specific scheme for rehabilitation of workers affected due to closure of industries and factories. However, such workers are eligible for the various skill development schemes run by the Ministries. According to the data compiled by National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), about 76.37 lakh persons were given skill development training in the year 2013-14 under the schemes of these Ministries.

The Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, runs a Scheme for Counselling, Retraining and Redeployment (CRR) for separated employees of Central Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs). The aim of retraining of the employees is to reorient them through short duration training programmes to enable them to adjust to the new environment and adopt new vocations after their separation from the PSEs due to Voluntary Retirement Scheme/ Voluntary Separation Scheme or retrenchment due to closure/restructuring of the enterprise.

Available job opportunities are also provided to unemployed persons through the Employment Exchanges under the State Governments. The Government has decided to transform these Exchanges into Career Centres to connect youth with job opportunities in a transparent and effective manner through the use of technology as well as through counseling and training.