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

- (a) the details and percentage of unemployed out of the total capable working population in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has ascertained the number of skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled labourers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to provide employment to all the labour classes in the near future; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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 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 |

State-wise unemployment rate on usual status basis during 2011-12 is at Annex-I

(b)to(c): Details of Number of skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled labourers are not maintained centrally. However, as per the National Sample Survey results, details of percentage distribution of work force by employment status on usual status basis for the period 2009-10 and 2011-12 is given below.

| Employment Status | Period | 2009-10 | 2011-12 |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| Self- Employment (%) | | 51.0 | 52.25 |
| Regular/wage salaried employees (%) | | 15.6 | 17.9 |
| Casual Labour (%) | | 33.5 | 29.9 |

(d)to(e): Government of India has been making continuous efforts through normal growth process and by implementing various employment generation schemes in order to create additional job opportunities in the country. Some of the important initiatives are, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), SwarnaJayanti ShahriRozgarYojana (SJSRY) and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) besides entrepreneurial development programmes run by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.