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EMPLOYMENT GENERATION

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

- (a) whether unemployment is increasing in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (b) the various programmes and schemes being implemented by the Government towards employment generation, programme-wise and State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated and utilised for such programmes during each of the last three years and the current year, programme and State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the extent to which these programmes have impacted employment generation in the country?

Answer

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

(a): Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey (NSS) Office, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation. According to the last 3 surveys, the workforce grew from 45.91 crore in 2004-05 to 47.41 crore persons in 2011-12 and the sector-wise employment is given below:-

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Workforce by Major Sector	2004-05	2009-10	2011-12
Agriculture & Allied	26.83	24.74	23.18
Industry	8.35	10.00	11.50
Services	10.73	11.81	12.73
Total	45.91	46.55	47.41

The estimates of workforce by major sectors show an increase in the overall level of employment with an increase in the industry and services sector.

The Unemployment Rates during 2004-05, 2009-10 and 2011-12 were 2.3%, 2.0% and 2.2% respectively (as per usual status).

(b): To provide employment to the unemployed youth in the country, Government of India is implementing various public employment generation schemes like encouraging private sector of economy, fast tracking various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) run by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA), Pt. DeenDayalUpadhyayaGrameenKaushalyaYojana (DDU-GKY) scheme run by Ministry of Rural Development and National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) run by Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation. Details of employment generated under different schemes are at Annex-I.

(c) & (d): Details of the funds allocated and utilised for such programmes during each of the last three years and the current year, programme and State/UT-wise are at Annex-II.

Employment generation is both a cause and consequence of economic growth and is impacted by demographic shifts and technological transformations.

The 12th Five Year Plan projects 5 crore new work opportunities to be generated in the non-farm sector and provide skill certification to equivalent numbers. In addition to the above public employment generation scheme, the Government is promoting labour intensive manufacturing and increasing employment opportunities by promoting tourism and agro-based industries.

Government has set a target to skill 5 crore persons during 12th Five Year Plan keeping in view the requirements of various sectors. In order to improve the employability of youth, 21 Ministries run skill development schemes across 73 sectors. 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 these schemes.