GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1357 TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH DECEMBER, 2015

ASSESSMENT ON EMPLOYMENT

1357. SHRI ANANTKUMAR HEGDE:

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

- (a) whether an assessment made by the industry itself reveals that despite an average maximum rate of 8 per cent of gross domestic production during the year 2004- 2005 to 2009-2010, 50 lakh avenues of employment were reduced during the said period;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made any efforts to ascertain the credibility of such assessment by conducting further study in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the findings thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment trends 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 46.55 crore persons in 2009-10 and to 47.41 crore persons in 2011-12 and the sectorwise employment is given below:-

	(In crore persons)		
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 Workforce	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 growth in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during the corresponding is at Annex.

As per the Annual Employment Review, 2011 brought out by Ministry of Labour & Employment, the number of persons employed in Government Service, Public Sector Enterprises and the Private Sector is as follows:

		Employment (in lakh) as on 31 st March, 2011
Public	Central Govt.	24.63
	State Govt.	72.18
	Quasi-Govt. (Central)	34.54
	Quasi-Govt. (State)	23.60
	Local Bodies	20.53
Private		114.52
Total		289.99

Information on persons employed on regular/ contract basis is not maintained centrally.

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 labourintensive and export-oriented sectors namely textiles including apparels, metals, gems & jewellery, automobiles, transport, IT/BPO, leather and handloom/powerloom. So far twenty five such surveys have been conducted by Labour Bureau and reports released. According to the survey results, overall estimated employment in all selected sectors has experienced a net addition of 38.10 lakh (persons) starting from the first survey (October, 2008 to December, 2008) till the 25th Survey (January, 2015 to March, 2015). Annex referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1357 for answer on 07.12.2015

Growth Rate in Gross Domestic Product at factor cost (2004-05 prices)

Growth in GDP (%)	
7.05	
9.48	
9.57	
9.32	
6.72	
8.59	
8.91	
6.69	

Source: Central Statistical Office