GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1854 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2023

UNDERUTILISATION OF FUNDS

1854. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

Will the Minister of Labour and Employment be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that most schemes under the Ministry have not recorded optimal utilization of funds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same;
- (c)whether Government is taking steps to address the issue of underutilisation; and
- (d)if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)

(a) to (d): Financial Year 2021-22 saw the lingering impact of the Covid pandemic. Despite our best efforts, MoLE's public facing schemes such as Coaching and guidance for SC &STs, National Career Service, Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Mandhan and National Pension Scheme for Traders were substantially impacted. However, as soon as the situation improved, all out efforts were made to improve registrations. Some of the Schemes such as the Revised Integrated Housing Scheme, a sub-component of the Labour Welfare Scheme and the National Child Labour Project were converged with the PM Awas Yojana and the Samagra Shiksha Yojana respectively, as a result of which no new registrations were undertaken and only past liabilities were processed. FY 2021-22 was the terminal year for benefits under one major demand driven scheme, PMRPY for which anticipated demand on the basis of past years' utilization was not received from employers registered under the scheme. The Ministry made all out efforts to maximize utilization of funds in other schemes and against a BE of Rs 13306.50 cr, Ministry incurred an expenditure of Rs 24036.33 Cr by taking cash supplementary of Rs 11211.97 Cr which amounts to 98.03% utilization of total allocation.
