GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1318 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2019

EMPLOYMENT DATA

1318. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

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

- (a)whether no data has been collected on employment generation in the country since the NSSO Survey of 2011-12 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b)whether the Government has also stopped collecting/releasing employment data through All India Labour Bureau surveys;
- (c)if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d)whether the Government has recently made a statement stating that it does not have any real-time data on employment/unemployment in the country and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d): No, Madam. Labour Bureau, an attached office of the Ministry of Labour and Employment has been conducting household based Annual Employment Unemployment Surveys (EUS) since 2010-11 and released five reports thereon. After 2011-12 NSSO Survey, Labour Bureau has released Employment-Unemployment Reports for the year 2012-13 (3rd report), 2013-14 (4th report), 2015-16 (5th report). The Report for 2016-17 (6th report) is under finalization. On the recommendation of the Task Force on Improving Employment Data, this Survey has been discontinued and replaced by the Periodic Labour Force Survey(PLFS) being conducted by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation.

NSSO started Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) in 2017, which is a regular and continuing survey designed to yield annual estimates on labour force on employment and unemployment along with quarterly estimates for the urban areas on a fast frequency and holistic manner.
