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ANSWERED ON
PRODUCTIVITY OF INDIAN WORKERS .

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

- (a) the productivity of Indian workers as compared to those of other Asian countries;
- (b) whether the productivity of an Indian worker is low as compared to the Chinese and Korean workers;
- (c) if so, the reasons for low productivity of Indian workers; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to increase labour productivity in India?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

(SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): On the basis of information contained in World Competitiveness Yearbook 2009, as made available by National Productivity Council, a statement giving labour productivity estimated in terms of Gross Domestic Product (at purchasing power parity) per person employed per hour (in US\$) in India and other Asian countries during 2008 is annexed, which shows that Labour productivity in India is lower than those of China- Mainland and Republic of Korea.

(c): There is wide variation in labour productivity among different countries in the world, including India, owing to a host of factors like, the level of economic development, education and health facilities, access to better technology and congenial work environment.

(d): Steps taken to enhance Labour productivity in India includes improvement in overall skill development, provision of educational facilities, implementation of Schemes like Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana and announcement of the National Policy on Safety, Health and Environment at Workplace.