

In collaboration with the ILO, the Central Government and State Government of Tamil Nadu have launched a pilot project in the State for the purpose of reducing vulnerability to bondage through promotion of decent work. Attempt is now being made to replicate this approach in some other states of the country.

Welfare of domestic workers

1831. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to support the convention on Decent Work for Domestic Workers which was finally adopted by the Committee on Domestic Workers of the International Labour Conference (ILC) 2011 on 7 June, 2011;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating a new national policy for the welfare of domestic workers in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE): (a) The Government supported the adoption of Domestic Workers Convention (C-189) supplemented by Domestic Workers Recommendation (R-201) at the International Labour Conference of ILO (ILC) at its 100th Session held in Geneva in June, 2011.

ILO Conventions are international treaties, open for ratification to Member countries. As per existing policy, Government ratifies an ILO Convention only when its laws and practices are in total conformity with the provisions of the Convention.

(b) and (c) The Government has enacted the Unorganized Workers' Social Security Act, 2008 for the social security and welfare of unorganized workers which includes domestic workers. The Government has also set-up a Task Force to evolve policy framework for domestic workers in the context of regulatory mechanism and providing social security.

Registration of placement agencies

1832. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is mandatory for the placement agencies to register themselves with local police station across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has received any complaints against some placement agencies;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of cases booked/registered for minor abuse by the placement agencies; and
- (f) the action proposed to be taken against the agencies involving in such activities?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE): (a) and (b) There are various types of private placement agencies operating in the country. On the basis of their regulation/coverage, these agencies can be broadly classified into four categories: (i) Manpower Export and Placement Agencies - covered under Immigration Act, 1983; (ii) Labour Contractors covered under Contract (Abolition & Regulation) Act, 1970 and the Inter-State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979; (iii) Private Security Agencies-governed by Private Security Agencies (Regulation) Act, 2005; and (iv) Private Placement Agencies catering to specific needs of the employers/labour market or temporary workers and not covered under first three categories.

The first three categories of private placement agencies have to obtain licence and register themselves with respective authorities as per the provisions of relevant Act/Rules. However, the fourth category of private placement agencies is not covered by any specific Act. Some States/UTs have issued guidelines to register them under their Shop & Establishment Act by the Labour Department.

In order to safeguard the interest of jobseekers, Ministry of Labour & Employment issued guidelines on 30.10.2003 to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to consider regulation of the functioning of Private Placement Agencies, as per local needs. These guidelines do not stipulate mandatory registration with local police station.

(c) to (f) Complaints, if any, are received by respective State Government/UT Administrations, and are dealt with by them as per the provisions of above mentioned Act(s) and/or provisions of Indian Penal Code. The details of these complaints are not maintained centrally.

**Discussion with Ministry of Finance on demands of
retired and working personnel**

†1833. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANSKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had held discussion/meetings with the Ministry of Finance with reference to the pending demands of retired and working personnel under scheme of 1995;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Ministry of Finance itself is capable of meeting the years old pending demands of this scheme of 1995 or wants to extend cooperation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE): (a) No discussions/meetings were held with the Ministry of Finance.

(b) to (d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) of the question.

Providing jobs to Diploma/Degree Holders in ITIs

1834. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has ordered Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) to ensure that engineering diploma and degree holders from at least half of their faculty;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the order will help provide teaching jobs to at least 20,000 people every year besides improving teaching standards;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the country has 9,500 ITIs catering over 1.2 million students and engaging 76,000 teachers who do not have engineering degree/diploma; and

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