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SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR WOMEN AFFECTED BY TSUNAMI DISASTER

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

(a) Whether the International Labour Organisation has established a skill development project for women affected by Tsunami disaster: and,

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the modalities worked out in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K.CHANDRA SEKHAR RAO)

(a) Yes, Sir;

(b) ILO is working with the Employers` and Workers` Organisations to provide modest income-generating activities including skill training for the vulnerable groups in the Tsunami affected areas of Southern India. One such activity was taken up with a rural workers` trade union `Indian National Rural Labour Federation (INRLF)` in Kalpakkam near Chennai. 100 women have been trained in making of incense stick (agarbati). Another batch of 75 women is likely to take training from the first week of May 2005. Internal resources of ILO were also reprogrammed to support small-scale quick impact initiatives.