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

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the report of ILO regarding Global Employment Trades, 2004;
- (b) if so, the comments made in the report in regard to India;
- (c) whether the Government concurs with the said report;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefore; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken or likely to be taken on the basis of said report?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Major observations in regard to India in the report are:-

- Overall prospects for the labour market in the South Asian region largely depend on the performance of India, which has a share in regional GDP of 80%.

- In India, the agricultural sector contributes to one-quarter of GDP and employs close to 70% of the labour force.

- Other key issues include high levels of unemployment, high incidence of working poverty especially in the informal economy, expanding labour force and low level of education in comparison with other regions of the world.

(c) to (e): The Report projects an overview of Labour market & employment trends in eight regions of the world. Government has taken note of the observations made in the Report.