

**Job Opportunities****STATEMENT**

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Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in job opportunities in various sectors during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to formulate and implement a special plan keeping in view the gravity of the situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES) (SHRI SUKH RAM):

(a) to (d). A table showing estimated number of persons usually employed by broad Sectors of the economy, in January 1988 (mid-point of the last comprehensive survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation) and end of March, 1992 is enclosed. As would be seen from the Table that employment increased in all sectors during the period.

The Eighth Plan emphasises the need for a high rate of economic growth combined with a faster growth of sectors, sub-sectors and areas which have relatively high employment potential for enhancing the pace of employment generation. Geographically and cropwise diversified agricultural growth, development of wastelands and forestry, development of rural non-farm sector and rural infrastructure, faster growth of small and decentralised manufacturing, programmes of construction of infrastructure and expansion of housing are the principal elements of the employment oriented growth strategy envisaged in the Plan.

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## Estimates of Sectoral Employment \*

Sl.No.	Sectors	Employment (Million)			Average Annual Growth (%)
		1987-88	1992	1988-92	
1	2	3	4	5	
1.	Agriculture and allied	185.90	199.33	1.65	
2.	Mining & Quasarrying	2.24	2.75	4.94	
3.	Manufacturing	32.38	34.47	1.48	
4.	Construction	11.52	13.38	3.58	
5.	Electricity, Gas & Water	0.99	1.11	2.73	
6.	Transport, storage & Communication	8.09	8.82	2.05	
7.	Other Services	49.81	54.28	2.04	
	Total	290.93	314.14	1.82	

Usual Principal Status