

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT GENERATION
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the target fixed for generation of employment during the Ninth Five Year Plan has been achieved;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the extent to which the target has been achieved so far;
- (e) whether it is a fact that on-going economic reforms have failed to generate employment;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to create more opportunities for employment?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (d) The growth of employment opportunities between 8th Plan (1992-97) and the 9th Plan (1997-2002) was projected at 2.5 per cent per annum, with a corresponding growth of labour force at 2.5 per cent per annum. Latest survey data, which is available up to the year 1999- 2000, shows a growth of employment opportunities at 1.02 per cent per annum between 1993-94 to 1999-2000, and, growth of labour force at 1.08 per cent per annum.

(e) & (f) The estimated number of employed persons increased from 374 million in 1993-94 to 398 million in 1999-2000, on UPSS basis.

(g) In the Budget proposals for 2002-03, besides the initiatives taken for growth of labour intensive sectors in the economy, the Finance Minister has announced continuation of Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) and also proposed to launch the Jai Prakash Rozgar Guarantee Yojana (JPRGY).