

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA**

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WELFARE OF WOMEN LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn towards the report of the Centre for Social Research, Delhi which States development and welfare of the labourers especially the women labourers is yet to gain momentum despite the increase in the export by Textiles and food Processing Industries; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA)

(a) & (b): The provisional figures of Census, 2001 on Work Participation Rate viz-a-viz Census, 1991 indicated in the Annexure suggest that there has been a significant momentum in the development and welfare of work force, especially women workforce in the country.

ANNEXURE

WORK PARTICIPATION RATE IN INDIA (1971-2001)

Year Total Rural Urban Persons Males Females

1971 Total 34.17 52.75 14.22
 Rural 35.33 53.78 15.92
 Urban 29.61 48.88 7.18

1981 Total 36.70 52.62 19.67
 Rural 38.79 53.77 23.06
 Urban 29.99 49.06 8.31

1991 Total 37.68 51.56 22.73
 Rural 40.24 52.50 27.20
 Urban 30.44 48.95 9.74

2001

(Provisional) Total 39.26 51.93 25.68
 Rural 41.97 52.36 30.98
 Urban 32.23 50.85 11.55

Notes:

1. Excludes Assam where the 1981 Census could not be held and Jammu & Kashmir where the 1991 Census has not been held.

2. The 1971 Census figures include workers and non-workers with secondary work. The 1981 and 1991 Census figures include main workers and marginal workers.

Source: Registrar General of Census.