

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

- (a) the number of persons unemployed in the country by the end of Ninth Five Year Plan and in the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (b) the achievements made to generate employment opportunities for the unemployed persons during the current plan period;
- (c) whether the Government has adopted any new policy to generate additional employment opportunities during the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a & b) Estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation. Last two such surveys were carried out during 1993-94 and 1999-2000. As per these surveys, number of unemployed persons in the country during 1993-94 & 1999-2000 on usual status basis was around 75 lakh and 90 lakh respectively.

(c & d) Government have identified the following strategy to create the additional employment opportunities during 10th Plan.

- Creation of around 3 crore employment opportunities in the normal growth process assuming around 8% per annum growth rate of Gross Domestic Product.
- Creation of around 2 crore employment opportunities through special employment generation programmes.
- Special emphasis on labour intensive sectors such as agriculture, irrigation, agro forestry, small and medium enterprises, tourism, information communication technology and other services.

e) Does not arise.