

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO DROUGHT EFFECTED PERSONS  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government has formulated a comprehensive plan for creating employment for the down trodden classes in drought affected States especially in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a) & (b) Government has announced a scheme to provide a legal guarantee for at least 100 days of employment to begin with on asset-creating public works programmes every year at minimum wages for at least one able bodied person in every poor house hold. The scheme will be implemented in all states of the country including Karnataka. In the interim, it is proposed to launch a new Food for Work Programme in 150 districts classified as most backward and identified as areas in immediate need of such a programme.