

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

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

(a) whether the job opportunities in agriculture and industrial sectors of the country have been constantly on the decline during Nineties;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated annual rate of increase in the number of job seekers in both the sectors?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

a&b) Estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation . Last such surveys were conducted during 1993-94 and 1999-2000. As per these surveys, estimated employment in agriculture sector on usual status basis has gone down from 24.2 crore in 1993-94 to 23.8 crore in 1999-2000. In Manufacturing sector, employment has gone up from 4.25 crore in 1993-94 to 4.80 crore in 1999-2000.

c) As per the National Sample Survey Organisation surveys, estimated unemployment rate in the country on usual status basis has marginally gone up from approximately 1.90% during 1993-94 to 2.23% during 1999-2000.