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

(a) whether the Government has formulated any programme to eradicate unemployment by promoting labour based industries during the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The 11th Five Year Plan contains following important policy initiatives for generation of employment.

(i) In order to make growth more inclusive, it is vital that more people gain access to more productive assets with which they can themselves generate decent incomes and also that GDP growth generates sufficient demand for wage labour so that those who cannot be self-employed are employed at decent wages.

(ii) Targeting faster growth in GDP and doubling of agriculture growth will help in this process. Besides, additional employment opportunities would be generated in the services and manufacturing sectors. Measures would need to be taken to boost labour intensive manufacturing sectors such as food processing, leather products, footwear and textiles and service sectors such as tourism and construction.

(iii) Village and small scale enterprises (VSE) will provide most of the new employment opportunities during the 11th Plan.

Besides, the Government of India is implementing a number of schemes for employment generation of which the important ones are:

- (i) Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP);
- (ii) Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY);
- (iii) Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY);
- (iv) Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY);
- (v) Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) and
- (vi) National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005.