

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

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CREATION OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

- (a) the targets fixed and achieved for employment generation during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the targets fixed for creation of employment opportunities during each year of the Eleventh Plan Period; and
- (c) the progress made so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 236 FOR 20.07.2009 BY SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH AND SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN REGARDING CREATION OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

(a)to (c): The 10th Plan targeted creation of job opportunities was 50 million against which about 47 million job opportunities were created on current daily status basis. The 11th Five Year Plan aims at creating 58 million job opportunities. These job opportunities are likely to be created on account of growth of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), investment in infrastructure development, growth in export and expenditure on employment generation programmes implemented by the Government. While employment generation on account of general economic growth process, investment on infrastructure development and export growth is available only after completion of next quinquennial survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation. The employment generated through employment generation programmes of Government of India such as Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY); National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) and Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) is as under:

(i) Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) strives to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and under employed poor, to help them set up self employment ventures and also through providing wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. A target of assisting 1.20 lakh urban poor to set up individual/group micro enterprises was fixed for each of the year 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09. Against these targets, achievements in these years were 1.36, 1.81 and 1.85 lakh respectively. The target fixed for 2009-10 is 0.50 lakh.

(ii) Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 75:25 cost sharing basis between the Centre and the States. Under this Scheme, financial assistance is provided to members of BPL families for creating income generating assets through a mix of bank credit and subsidy. During years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 the target was to assist 10.91, 13.53 and 17.63 lakh swarozgaris. Against these 16.92, 16.99 and 18.62 swarozgaris were assisted respectively. The target for 2009-10 is to assist 18.22 lakh swarozgaris against which 1.35 lakh swarozgaris have been assisted till 31st May, 2009.

(iii) National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) provides for the enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Persondays of employment generated were 9050.56 lakh during 2006-07; 14359.22 lakh in 2007-08 and 21600.57 lakh in 2008-09. The targets under NAREGA are not fixed as it is mandatory to provide employment to all eligible persons who offer themselves for work.

(iv) Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) came into existence during August, 2008 after merger of two earlier schemes, namely, Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) and Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana(PMRY). The programme directly creates self-employment by providing credit linked subsidy for setting up of micro enterprises. The scheme is for implementation from 2008-09 to 2012-13 with an estimated expenditure of Rs. 4735 crore towards margin money and Rs. 250 crore towards backward and forward linkages with the target for generation of 37.37 lakh employment opportunities. The target for generation of 6.17 lakh additional employment opportunities during 2008-09 was set up under the scheme against which 3.63 lakh (provisional) additional employment opportunities are estimated to have been generated till 31.03.2009.