

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

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G COUNTRIES MEETING OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

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

- (a) the details of labour oriented stimulus programmes aimed at increasing the purchasing power of the vast labour force of the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to represent itself at the meeting of the counterparts of the G-20 countries likely to be held in Washington;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the proposed stand of the Government on the issues i.e job creation, job training, job security, social protection, skill development, etc. in view of the world-wide economic crises; and
- (e) the details of purchasing power of the rupee during each of the last three years as measured by the Consumer Price Index for Industrial workers, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a) The Government had announced three stimulus packages on 07.12.2008, 02.01.2009 and 24.02.2009, in form of developmental assistance, tax concessions, etc. to counter impact of economic slowdown and promote growth which would be beneficial to the entire economy including the labour force.
- (b) & (c) Yes, Madam. A delegation led by Hon'ble Minister for Labour & Employment is attending the meeting.
- (d) Ministry of Labour & Employment convened a national tripartite consultation to evolve a national view on various issues to be taken up at G-20 Meeting. The Stand of the Government on the issues is as follows:
 - (i) More emphasis is needed on creation of more jobs in the near future. In this context, employment intensive manufacturing sector and the micro, small and medium enterprises must be promoted for creation of more and more jobs.
 - (ii) To put labour on the forefront of economic agenda at international and national levels. This will be helpful not only to discuss and take appropriate action for faster recovery in the labour market but also put check on the jobless recovery.
 - (iii) The issue of free flow of technology is to be taken up at the G20 Ministerial meeting. Apart from this, the interest of migrant workers has to be protected as these workers are highly vulnerable for exploitation.
 - (iv) Skill Development is important to equip the workforce for new employment opportunities. It is also important to give emphasis on re-skilling of workforce to meet any unforeseen eventuality such as the present economic crisis. Therefore, skill development and international movement of technology to upgrade skills need to be emphasised at the G20 meeting.
- (e) Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers is not compiled statewide. As per the information available, the purchasing power of the rupee as measured by the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (Base: 2001=100) during 2007, 2008 and 2009 is estimated to be 76.34 paise, 70.42 paise and 63.70 paise respectively.