

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

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PROBLEM OF WORKERS DUE TO GLOBAL ECONOMIC RECESSION

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

(a) whether the Government has set up a group of experts from finance and industry for examining workers' problems and unemployment caused by global economic recession;

(b) if so, the details and composition thereof;

(c) whether the said group has submitted its report; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government on the basis of recommendations?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): As per the decision taken in the Meeting of the Committee of Secretaries held on 28/4/2009 under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary, a Task Force was constituted by the Planning Commission, to critically examine the issues relating to reported job losses especially in employment-oriented sectors and suggest sector specific recommendations for measures both short term and long term that could be put in place, for consideration of the Government.

The composition of the Task Force is as follows :

1. Senior Adviser (International Economics), Planning Commission - Chairman
2. Adviser (Labour & Employment Monitoring), Planning Commission - Member
3. Adviser (Industry & Village & Small Industry), Planning Commission - Member
4. Adviser (Perspective Plan) Planning Commission - Member
5. Joint Secretary (In-charge, Gems & Jewellery), Department of Commerce - Member
6. Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles - Member
7. Chairman, Gems & Jewellery Export Promotion Council - Member
8. Dr. Harcharan Singh, DDG, Ministry of Labour & Employment - Convener

9. Ms. Amarjeet Knur, DDG (E), Ministry of Labour & Employment - Member

(c) & (d): The Task Force has so far held two meetings on 22/12/2009 and 26/2/2 310. The recommendations of the Task Force are being processed and the report is likely to be finalized soon.