

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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JOB LOSS DUE TO GLOBAL SLOWDOWN

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

(a) the number of workers rendered jobless due to the global economic slowdown during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and sector-wise ;

(b) whether the incentive packages given by the Government to industrial houses have proved effective and benefited the industries from the point of view of job security of workers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of workers rendered jobless out of which the number of workers whose jobs could be secured as a result thereof during the said period, State-wise, year-wise and sector-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (c): According to quarterly quick surveys conducted by the Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment in selected sectors like textiles, automobiles, gems & jewellery, IT/BPO, handloom/powerloom etc., it was observed that the employment declined by 4.91 lakh during the quarter October-December, 2008; increased by 2.76 lakh during January-March, 2009; again declined by 1.31 lakh during April-June, 2009; increased by 4.97 lakh during July-September, 2009; increased by 6.38 lakh during October-December, 2009; and increased by 0.61 lakh during January-March, 2010. Thus overall estimated employment in the selected sectors has experienced a net addition of 8.5 lakh during the period October, 2008 to March, 2010. A statement indicating sector-wise changes in estimated employment based on quarterly surveys is annexed.

To mitigate the adverse effect of the economic slowdown the Government of India has taken various fiscal and monetary measures including three stimulus packages, implementation of the 'Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana' wherein the insured worker and his family are entitled for 50 % of wages up to a period of one year and medical benefits in the case of loss of jobs, important schemes such as Rashtriya Swasthiya Bima Yojana, Aam Admin Bima Yojana, Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme, skill upgradation and vocational training programmes and the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. These measures have broadly succeeded in mitigating the adverse impact of economic slowdown and protecting the interests of workers.