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NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether special group, constituted by the Planning Commission to give recommendations with regard to creation of one crore new employment opportunities every year, has submitted its report to the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of suggestions/recommendations out of these implemented/ proposed to be implemented by the Government?

Answer

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(a): The special group constituted by the Planning Commission on targeting 10 million employment opportunities per year over the 10th plan period submitted its report in May 2002.

(b): The Report has emphasized the following:

- 1) Nearly 90% of new jobs opportunities will come from the growth of small and medium enterprises and self – employed.
- 2) To target the unorganized sector, including small and medium enterprises, which also cover a large part of the services of the economy. The report stressed that the unorganized sector initially will need more support and incentives from the Government as compared to the organized sector.
- 3) Because of the limit in the absorbing capacity for additional employment in the organized sector, education and skills needs to be oriented primarily towards the needs of the unorganized sector like agriculture, small industry, services and self-employed as also the new areas like IT, tourism and financial sector.

(c): Various schemes have been launched for welfare of unorganized sector. The important ones are:

1. Unorganized Workers' Social Security Act, 2008 has to be enacted to provide social security to the unorganized workers.
2. Five Welfare Funds for Beedi Workers, cine workers and non-coal mine workers at the Central Government level.
3. Various schemes/programmes for workers in the unorganized sector such as Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme, Mahatama Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005, Handloom Weavers' comprehensive Welfare Schemes, Handicraft Artisans' comprehensive Welfare schemes, Pension to Mastercraftpersons, National Scheme for Welfare of Fishermen and Training and Extension, Janani Suraksha Yojana, Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension, National Family Benefits Scheme, Janshree Bima Yojana, Aam Admi Bima Yojana, etc. through various Ministries/Departments.
4. Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana' was launched on 01.10.2007 to provide smart card based cashless health insurance cover of Rs. 30000 to BPL families (a unit of five) in the unorganized sector on family floater basis.
5. Skill Development initiative (SDI) Scheme for addressing the skill development need of Unorganised sector. Ministry of Labour & Employment developed Skill Development initiative (SDI) scheme based on Modular Employable Skills (MES) framework for early school leavers and existing workers, especially in the un-organized sector to improve their employability by optimally utilizing the infrastructure available in Govt. and private institutions and the industry.
6. Kaushal Vikas Yojana : A project titled "Kaushal Vikas Yojana" has been formulated to set up 1500 ITI s and 5000 Skill Development Centres (SDCs) in PPP mode. These Institutes will preferably be set up in un-serviced blocks i.e., in blocks where no ITI exists. 5000 Skill Development Centres (SDCs) under the scheme will mainly to address the skill development need of unorganized sector. On an average one SDC will be to set up for 10 to 12 villages at a central place to cater to the skill development of youth as per local needs in services/unorganized sector.

7. Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme(PMEGP) introduced in 2008-09, merging the erstwhile PMRY and REGP Schemes of the Ministry of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises.