

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the year-wise extent to which the rate of employment generation and unemployment increased during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to contain the increase in the rate of unemployment;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the total job loss during the last three years, sector-wise; and
- (e) the total job generated in cities, sector-wise and city-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) Reliable estimates on employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organization. Last such survey was conducted during 2004-05. Work force participation rates and unemployment rates on current daily status basis for the period 1993-94, 1999-2000 and 2004-05 are given below:

Period	Work force participation rate (%)	Unemployment rate (%)
1993-9	435.1	6.1
1999-00	33.6	7.3
2004-05	35.2	8.3

(b) Eleventh Five Year Plan aims at creating 58 million job opportunities on current daily status basis. It is expected that there would be reduction in unemployment rate to 4.83% towards the end of the Plan period.

(c) Government have taken several steps to reduce unemployment rate. The focus is on productive employment at a faster pace in order to raise the incomes of masses of the rural population to bring about a general improvement in their living conditions. The job opportunities are likely to be created on account of growth in Gross Domestic Product (GDP), investment in infrastructure development, growth in exports etc. Government of India has also been implementing various employment generation programmes, such as, Swarana Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) besides entrepreneurial programmes run by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.

(d & e) No comprehensive Study/Survey has been conducted to evaluate job loss during the last three years. However, Labour Bureau, an organization under the Ministry of Labour & Employment has conducted seven quarterly sample surveys in quick succession starting from quarter October-December, 2008. A total of 2635 sample units have been covered during the survey in eight selected sectors viz. textiles, leather, metals, automobiles, gems & jewellery, transport, IT/BPO and handloom/powerloom. By comparing the results of different quarters of survey reports, it has been observed that the employment at overall level has increased by 12.56 lakh during April, 2008 to June, 2010 and declined only in transport sector by -0.25 lakh.

Changes in estimated employment during April, 2008 to June, 2010 in different Industry/Groups are given below:

Industry/Group      Change in employment during April,  
2008 to June, 2010 (in lakh)

Textiles including Apparels 0.29

Leather      0.27

Metals	1.23
Automobile	1.16
Gems & Jewellery	0.63
Transport	-0.25
IT/BPO	8.62
Handloom/Powerloom	0.63
Overall	12.56