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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

- (a) whether liberalisation policy of the Government and also the global economic crisis specially in the USA has led to decline in employment avenues or job retrenchment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the State-wise increase or decrease in employment opportunities due to the above mentioned reasons during the last three years;
- (d) the manner in which the said crisis is likely to have impact on India; and
- (e) the measures being adopted by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a)&(b) No, Madam. Labour Bureau under Ministry of Labour & Employment has been conducting "Quarterly Quick Employment Surveys" starting from October, 2008 to assess the impact of economic slowdown in India. The last such survey for which the results are available, was conducted during January – March, 2011. The results have shown that the employment at overall level has increased by 18.28 lakh during this period. As per results of quinquennial surveys on employment & unemployment conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), the workforce in 2009-10 has increased by 6.4 million from 459.1 million in 2004-05 to 465.5 million in 2009-10.

(c) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office. Last such survey was conducted during 2009-10. Worker population ratio (WPR) measures the capacity of an economy to generate the level of employment. As per last two most recent surveys, WPR on usual status for rural and urban areas during 2004-05 and 2009-10 are at Annex.

(d) & (e) Due to globalization and economic liberalization, some employment opportunities in the older type of enterprises might have been reduced due to declining efficiency but at the same time new employment opportunities are created in a number of new areas, such as, Information Technology, Tourism, Financial Services etc. The GDP growth rates in India during last five years were 9.7% in 2006-07; 9.0% in 2007-08; 6.7% in 2008-09; 7.4% in 2009-10 and 8.5% in 2010-11. Three stimulus packages were announced on 07.12.2008, 02.01.2009 and 24.02.2009, in the form of developmental assistance, tax concession, etc. to counter economic slowdown and promote growth. Active labour market policies were pursued more vigorously.