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EMPLOYMENT IN RURAL AREAS

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

- (a) the number and percentage of unemployed person in the rural backward areas and the metropolis including the minorities and people living Below Poverty Line (BPL) separately during the last three years;
- (b) the number of industries likely to be opened in rural areas to provide employment opportunities; and
- (c) The status of employment programmes being formulated by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) 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. Details of number and percentage of rural unemployed persons and number and percentage of rural persons and total persons below the poverty line in the country are given below:

Period	Rural Unemployed (million)	% of Rural unemployed to total Ratio	Rural Poverty Ratio	Total Poverty Ratio
2009-2010	5.14	54.1	Not Available	Not Available
2004-2005	5.53	51.0	21.8	21.8
1999-2000	4.38	48.5	27.1	26.1

(b) The eleventh five year plan has projected creation of 58 million job opportunities by attempting to shift employment from agriculture sector to non-agriculture. Setting up of cottage and village industries is the responsibility mainly of the State Governments. However, the Government in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has been promoting the setting up of new micro enterprises in non-farm sector by implementing Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), a credit-linked subsidy programme since 2008-09 through Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) a statutory body under the administrative control of the Ministry.

(c) Government of India have been generating employment through normal growth process and 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 development programmes run by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.