

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:447

ANSWERED ON:05.09.2011

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

- (a) the targets fixed for creating various types of employment in rural as well as urban areas for the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) whether the said targets have been achieved so far;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the employment opportunities are comparatively better in the urban areas than that of rural areas;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the action being taken by the Government to remove the imbalances?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 447 BY SHRI P. VISWANATHAN AND SHRI PASHUPATI NATH SINGH REGARDING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITES DUE FOR REPLY ON 05.09.2011.

(a): The Eleventh Five Year Plan has projected creation of additional employment opportunities of 58 million on current daily status basis in rural and urban areas combined in the country.

(b): As against the target of creation of 58 million additional employment opportunities during the Eleventh Plan, about 20 million additional employment opportunities on current daily status basis have been created during 2004-05 to 2009-10 based on the results of the survey conducted by National Sample Survey Office during 2009-10.

(c): The reasons for decline in employment during 2004-05 to 2009-10 may be attributed to deceleration in labour force participation rate particularly among women, reduction in subsidiary employment, increase in level of income in rural areas due to increase in real wages, higher level of participation in education, etc.

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. An average annual rate of growth of employment in rural areas was estimated at 0.39 percent during 2004-05 to 2009-10, whereas average annual rate of growth of employment in urban areas was estimated at 2.59 percent during the same period.

(f): In order to remove the regional imbalances, sectoral growth target for each state was fixed in the Eleventh Five year Plan. The Government of India has been making constant efforts to create employment opportunities for every section of the society living in rural as well as urban areas 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.