

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

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

- (a) whether the country's labour force has declined;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the reasons for the decline in workforce; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY 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. As per last two most recent surveys, labour force estimated on usual status basis has increased from 469.94 million in 2004-05 to 474.98 million in 2009-10.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Estimated workforce on usual status basis in 2009-10 has increased by about 6.4 million from 459.10 million in 2004-05 to 465.48 million in 2009-10.
- (d) Does not arise.