

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SHORTAGE OF LABOURERS

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

(a)whether the shortage of farm labour is being constantly felt in the country during the last few years;

(b)if so, the reasons therefor;

(c)the details of availability of labourers and landless agricultural workers vis-À-vis their requirement in the agriculture sector during the last three years and the current year; and

(d)the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve employability of farm labourers and the success achieved therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a)to(d): The Quarterly Survey Report on the effect of Economic Slowdown on Employment in India (July-September,2009) conducted in selected sectors i.e. textiles, metals, leather, automobiles, gem and jewellery, transport, IT/BPO, handloom/power loom has indicated that overcall employment has marginally increased. The data for availability of labourers and landless agriculture workers vis-À-vis their requirement in the agriculture sector is not available.

With a view to generating employment in rural areas, the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme providing at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every house holds has been launched. In addition to this, Government is also implementing a number of employment generation scheme, such as Swarnjayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana (SGSY), Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP).