

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:623  
ANSWERED ON:21.05.2012  
EMPLOYMENT AVENUES  
Dhurve Jyoti;Naranbhai Shri Kachhadia

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

- (a) whether the Government has any well defined policy for providing adequate employment both for the professionally qualified and for others alike;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the maximum employment avenues under the current economic scenario are available only for those who have professional qualifications;
- (d) if so, the facts and details in this regard; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to address the issue in an effective manner and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 623 DUE FOR REPLY ON 21.5.2012 BY SHRIMATI JYOTI DHURVE AND SHRI KACHHADIA NARANBHAI, M.Ps. REGARDING EMPLOYMENT AVENUES

(a) & (b) Providing employment to all, including professionally qualified, has been the focus of various policies and programmes of the Government. The Government through a process of development planning has been making sustained efforts to increase growth in different sectors to create employment opportunities for all.

(c) & (d) Based on 66th round of survey conducted by National Sample Survey Office during 2009-10, estimated number of professionals including associate professionals on usual status basis has increased from 17.31 million in 2004-05 to 30.11 million in 2009-10, which is an increase of about 74%. During the same period, total number of workers has increased from 459.10 million in 2004-05 to 465.48 million in 2009-10, which is an increase of only 1.4%. Thus, it can be inferred that persons with professional qualifications have better employment avenues.

(e) The Government has taken several steps to provide decent opportunities of livelihood to all those who seek employment.

Government is taking all necessary steps to enhance the employability and employment in the country by promoting growth of labour intensive sectors, such as, Construction, Real Estate and Housing, Transport, Tourism, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Information Technology Enabled Services and a range of other new services. Besides, Government is also implementing various employment generation programmes, such as, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY); Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) .

Approach Paper to the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17) suggests focus on faster, sustainable and more inclusive growth for creating adequate livelihood opportunities. Such job opportunities could come from faster expansion in agro-processing, supply chains, steady modernization in farming, maintenance of equipment & other elements of rural infrastructure and the services sector.