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PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYMENT
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the employment avenues have not increased in proportion to economic development and growth rate in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to deal with the problem of unemployment in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) : The National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) brings out employment-unemployment data on the basis of quinquennial surveys. As per the latest data released in June 2011, according to the usual (principal + subsidiary) status approach, the estimated workforce increased from 457.9 million persons in 2004-05 (61st round of NSS) to 459.0 million persons in 2009-10(66th round of the NSS). Similarly, as per the current daily status approach, the estimated workforce increased from 382.8 million person-days on a day in 2004-05 to 400.8 million person-days on a day in 2009-10. The growth rates in Gross Domestic Product (factor cost at 2004-05 prices) are as under:

Year 2005-06 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10

Gross Domestic
Product 9.5 9.6 9.3 6.7 8.4

Source: Economic Surveys 2010-11 and 2011-12

(b) : Various Ministries/Departments of the Government of India are implementing schemes to augment livelihood opportunities in the country which includes Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)/National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) and Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP). As per the Approach Paper to the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17), "Rapid growth in the recent past has been accompanied by shortages of specific skills. Improved training and skill development is critical for providing decent employment opportunities to the growing youth population and necessary to sustain the high growth momentum." All economic and employment policies of the Government are ultimately directed to increasing gainful employment to positively impact the poverty elimination objective of the Government.