

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT IN AGRICULTURE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of employment generated in the agriculture sector during the last three years and likely to be generated during the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is contemplating to initiate any ambitious programme to develop infrastructure in agriculture for creation of employment in the sector; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a): Employment generated in Agriculture is not compiled every year and state wise. On the basis of the long term growth rate in employment (1983 to 2009-10) Planning Commission working group for 12th Plan on Employment has estimated 239.16 million workers in agriculture for the year 2009-10 and projected agricultural employment to the tune of 243.39 million persons in 2012-13 and 235.56 million in 2016-17. State wise distribution of employment in agriculture for the year 2009-10 is given below:

(in Millions)

State	Agriculture
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Andhra Pradesh	20.4
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Assam	6.9
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Bihar	17.16
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Chhattisgarh	6.33
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Delhi	0.01
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Gujarat	12.89
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Haryana 4.32

Himachal Pradesh 2.16

J & K 2.93

Jharkhand 4.94

Karnataka 15.31

Kerala 4.16

Madhya Pradesh 18.39

Maharashtra 25.97

Orissa 10.08

Punjab 4.7

Rajasthan 12.97

Tamil Nadu 12.53

Uttar Pradesh 39.77

Uttrakhand 2.41

West Bengal 14.83

Total 239.16

Source: Planning Commission.

(b) & (c): Government is already implementing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (MGNREGA) under which the enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country is ensured by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in a year to every household on demand for doing unskilled manual work. Under MGNREGA major rural infrastructure improvements are carried out including infrastructure creation for improving agriculture production and productivity.

Some of the major initiatives taken by the Government to facilitate development of rural infrastructure include Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Bharat Nirman, Total Sanitation Campaign, and National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) which are contributing directly and indirectly to employment generation in rural areas.