

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

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NUMBER OF WORKING DAYS  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the number of mandays available are less in comparison to the number of workers in the country; and
- (b) if so, the shortage of available mandays and the steps being taken by the Government to increase the availability according to the requirement so that every worker may get gainful employment every day?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a & b) 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 results of the latest survey, employment on usual status basis (person specific) was estimated as 465.48 million and the employment estimated on current daily status basis (person day specific) was 404.93 million person years. This shows that person years of employment is less than number of persons employed. Government of India has been making constant efforts to provide gainful employment through normal growth process and implementing various employment generation programmes, such as, Swarana Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) besides entrepreneurial development programmes run by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.