

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

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

- (a) whether the labour manpower in the country has increased over the years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year State-wise;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to create employment opportunities in various sectors in the country;
- (d) whether there is huge job-losses all over the country due to recession; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check the said trend?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH)

- (a) 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 the two most recent quinquennial surveys on employment and unemployment, estimated labour force in the country on usual status basis has marginally increased from 469.94 million in 2004-05 to 474.98 million in 2009-10.
- (b) State-wise details of labour force as per quinquennial surveys conducted during 1999-2000, 2004-05 and 2009-10 are at annex.
- (c) Government have taken several steps to reduce unemployment in the country. The focus is on creation of productive employment at a faster pace in order to raise incomes of masses to bring about a general improvement in their living conditions. The job opportunities are created on account of growth in Gross Domestic Product (GDP), investment in infrastructure development, growth in exports, etc. Government of India has also been implementing various employment generation programmes, such as, Swaranajayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) besides entrepreneurial development programmes run by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.
- (d) No comprehensive survey has been conducted so far to study the effect of job loss due to recession in the country. However, quarterly surveys in quick succession conducted by the Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment have shown that employment has increased by 27.38 lakh during October 2008 to June 2012 in certain related sectors.
- (e) Does not arise.