

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CREATION OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
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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; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to create employment opportunities in the various sectors for such labour manpower, including SC/ST persons in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organization. Last such survey was conducted during 2004-05. As per two most recent quinquennial rounds of survey on employment and unemployment, labour force on usual status basis has increased from 406.06 million in 1999-2000 to 469.94 million in 2004-05 registering an average growth rate of 2.97 percent per annum. Statement indicating State-wise labour force participation rates for the period 1993-94, 1999-2000 and 2004-05 is annexed.

(c) Eleventh Five Year Plan aims at creating 58 million job opportunities. The focus is also on productive employment at a faster pace than before, and target agriculture growth at 4% per annum in order to raise the incomes of masses of the rural population to bring about a general improvement in their living conditions. Government of India has also been implementing various employment generation and poverty alleviation programmes, some of the important ones are Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.