

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:160
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EMPLOYMENT GENERATION
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

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

- (a) whether the targets fixed under the Eleventh Five Year Plan for employment generation are likely to be revised in view of the prevailing growth rate of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the likely impact of the schemes/ projects already launched to create employment in the country during the said Plan;
- (d) whether any mid-term appraisal of the schemes/projects has been made to assess the realistic achievements to be made and accordingly plan for the future; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, scheme/ project-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.160 FOR 30.11.2009 BY SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH REGARDING EMPLOYMENT GENERATION.

Mid Term Appraisal of Eleventh Five Year Plan for different sectors of economy is under progress in the Planning Commission. The projected average GDP growth rate in the Eleventh Plan Period is 9% per annum and projected employment generation 58 million for the entire period of XI Plan. However, growth rate of GDP has been 9% in 2007-08, 6.7% in 2008-09 and expected growth rate in 2009-10 is 6.7% which necessitates a need for re-look at both, the growth rate of GDP as well as creation of new employment opportunities.

Government of India has been implementing various employment generation programmes such as Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana(SJSRY), Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana(SGSY), Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) and National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS). Budget allocation under these schemes has been increased substantially and it is expected that higher investment in these schemes will lead to generation of higher employment opportunities.

Employment growth accelerated from 1.25% per annum during the period 1993-94 to 1999-2000 to 2.6% during 1999-2000 to 2004-05. The annual growth in work opportunities increased from 4 million per year in the first period to 9.3 million per annum in the second period. The next round of survey for 2009-10 by National Sample Survey Organization is in progress and the data is expected to be released in 2011 on the basis of this survey.