

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

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PERSONS RENDERED JOBLESS DUE TO GLOBAL ECONOMIC RECESSION

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to ascertain the number of persons who have been rendered jobless in various sectors including organised and unorganised sectors due to global economic recession;
- (b) if so, the details and facts thereof, State-wise and sector-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide alternative employment to persons rendered jobless?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): In order to assess the impact of the economic slowdown on employment, the Labour Bureau of the Ministry of Labour & Employment has conducted sample surveys during last four quarters covering sectors like textiles, handloom/powerloom, metals, gems & jewellery, automobile, transport, IT/BPO, leather etc. It was found that employment first declined by about 5 lakh during October to December, 2008, then increased by about 2.5 lakh during January to March, 2009 again declined by 1.3 lakh during April-June 2009 and further increased by about 5 lakh during July to September, 2009. Thus overall estimated employment in the selected sectors has experienced a net addition of 1.51 lakh during the last one year period i.e. from October, 2008 to September, 2009.

On the basis of small sample of establishments covered in the last four quarterly surveys in 11 States/UTs only, the State-wise and organized/unorganized sectors details have not been worked out. A statement giving sector-wise changes in estimated employment based on various quarterly survey results is annexed.

(c): The action taken by the Government to mitigate the adverse effect of economic recession include various fiscal and monetary measures including three stimulus packages, implementation of the 'Rajiv Gandhi Shramik Kalyan Yojana' wherein the insured worker and his family are entitled for 50% of wages up to a period of one year and medical benefits in the case of loss of job, schemes such as Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana, Aam Admi Bima Yojana, Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme, skill upgradation and vocational training programmes and the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.