

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3809

ANSWERED ON:17.12.2012

DECLINE IN RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES

Chitthan Shri N.S.V.;Gaikwad Shri Eknath Mahadeo;Paranjpe Shri Anand Prakash

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

- (a) whether Recruitment activities in the country fell for the third consecutive month in September, 2012;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same;
- (c) the sectors which were affected; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase job opportunities in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) No survey/study has been made by the government regarding recruitment activities in the country for the quarter July-September, 2012 so far. However, according to quarterly surveys conducted by Labour Bureau under Ministry of Labour & Employment for selected sectors of the economy, overall employment has shown an increase of 2.26 lakh, 0.81 lakh and 0.73 lakh for the quarters October-December, 2011; January-March, 2012 and April-June, 2012 respectively.

(d) Government have taken several steps to increase the employment opportunities 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. Measures have been taken to boost labour intensive manufacturing sectors, such as, food processing, leather products, footwear, textiles and services sector, such as, Tourism, Construction and also Information Technology Enabled Services.