

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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JOB CREATION

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether according to an Industry study, India's job creation has declined by over 21% during 2012;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for this downfall; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to create more jobs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS & PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

- (a) Planning Commission is not aware of such an Industry study.
- (b) & (c) Does not arise.

(d) The Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17) aims at creating 50 million non-farm work opportunities during the plan period. The Plan has identified certain labour intensive manufacturing sectors like Textile and Garments, Leather & Footwear, Gems & Jewellery, Handloom & Handicrafts and Food Processing Industries for generating substantial employment. The Plan has also identified the need for simplifying the regulatory framework and ensuring labour market flexibility without compromising fairness to labour. It focuses on skilling those entering the labour force to enhance the employability of the youth. These steps are expected to have a positive impact on creation of more jobs in the medium term.