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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

- (a) whether the level of unemployment in most of the States including Chhattisgarh and Punjab is more than the national average of unemployment;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is contemplating measures to generate employment opportunities in these States to bring it at par with the national average;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is also less employment in various sectors including financial services, information technology, retail sector etc.;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, sector-wise during each of the last three years;and
- (f) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) As per the latest quinquennial labour force survey on employment and unemployment conducted by National Sample Survey Office during 2009-10, state-wise details of unemployment rates on usual status basis are at Annex.

(b) to (e) Estimated employment on usual status has increased from 459.10 million during 2004-05 to 465.48 million during 2009-10, registering an increase of 6.38 million.

(f) Government has taken several steps to provide employment opportunities. A provision under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005(MGNREGA) has been made to provide at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult member volunteers to do unskilled work. Government of India has been making constant efforts for reducing unemployment through normal growth process and implementing various employment generation programmes, such as, Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) and National Rural Livelihood Mission besides entrepreneurial development programmes run by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises. National Manufacturing Policy, 2011 has also set a target of generating 100 million jobs by 2025.

Approach Paper to the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17) suggests focus on faster, sustainable and more inclusive growth for creating adequate livelihood opportunities. Such job opportunities could come from faster expansion in agro-processing, supply chains, steady modernization in farming, maintenance of equipment & other elements of rural infrastructure and the services sector.