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DECREASE IN RATE OF EMPLOYMENT

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

- (a) whether the rate of employment in the organized and unorganized sector has been decreased during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the growth rate of unemployment of skilled and unskilled persons including women, both in urban and rural areas has also increased recently ; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to raise the rate of employment opportunities in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) As per the information collected under Employment Market Information Programme of Ministry of Labour & Employment and the last three quinquennial labour force surveys, conducted by National Sample Survey Office, the details of rate of employment in organized and unorganized sector are given below:

(in percent)

Period	Organised sector	Unorganised sector
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1999-2000 to 2004-05	-2.32	3.25
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2004-05 to 2009-10	1.65	0.18
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(c) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office. Last such survey was conducted during 2009-10. As per the last two survey reports, unemployment rate on usual status basis for skilled and unskilled persons combined together including women for both urban and rural is as under:

(in percent)

Years	Rural	Urban
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2004-05	1.7	4.5
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(d) Government has taken several steps to reduce unemployment 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 Swarana Jayanti 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) for reducing unemployment besides entrepreneurial development programmes run by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.