

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:163

ANSWERED ON:19.08.2013

CREATION OF JOBS

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

- (a) whether employment opportunities in the country have declined due to recession in the economy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Group constituted by the Government for generation of employment opportunities in the country has submitted its report;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the recommendations made in the report and the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government for creating job opportunities in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 163 DUE FOR REPLY ON 19.08.2013 BY SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL AND SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT, M.Ps. REGARDING CREATION OF JOBS

(a) & (b) No, Madam. As per the Surveys on Employment and Unemployment conducted by National Sample Survey (NSS) Office, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation during 2009-10 and 2011-12, the estimated employment, as per usual status, has increased from 4654.8 lakhs in 2009-10 to 4741 lakhs in 2011-12.

(c) & (d) Government had constituted a Special Group on Targeting Ten Million Employment Opportunities per Year under the Chairmanship of Shri S.P. Gupta, Member, Planning Commission in 2001. The Group recommended that it was possible to increase labour intensities in the economy and to reduce underemployment through well-designed policy and programme interventions which take into account sectoral and regional specificities. The Government had incorporated the recommendations of the Committee in the Tenth Five Year Plan which set out a strategy for creation of 50 million employment opportunities during the Plan period 2002-2007.

(e) To promote creation of jobs, Government has taken variety of steps like encouraging private investment in various sectors of economy, fast tracking various approvals for projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA), Swarana Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) now restructured as National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM). In addition, Government has decided to spend more funds on skill development programmes. For example, it has been decided to use at least 10% of Special Component Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan, Special Component Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan, Multi-sectoral Development Programme funds and 5% of Border Area Development Programme funds for skill development.