

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

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DECLINE IN EMPLOYMENT RATE . ADV. A. SAMPATH

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

- (a) whether the rate of employment in the country has declined as per the recent National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) survey;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the comparative rate of growth of employment and unemployment in the public as well as private sectors including the marginalised sections of the society during each of the last three years and the current year, State and year-wise;
- (d) the details of the targets set and achieved with regard to the employment growth rate during the said period, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps/measures taken by the Government to generate more employment in the country particularly among marginal sections of the society including those belonging to the reserved categories?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

(SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH)

(a) (b) & (c) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO). Last labour force survey was conducted during 2011-12. As per results of the two most recent surveys, employment rate estimated on usual status basis has declined from 39.2 per cent in 2009-10 to 38.6 per cent in 2011-12.

The main reasons for decline in employment rate may be attributed to decline in labour force participation rate among women and higher level of retention of persons in education. The state-wise estimates of employment through the NSSO surveys for 2009-10 and 2011-12 are given at Annex-I. The details of public and private sector employment growth rates for the last three year as per the Employment Market Information (EMI) reports of the State Governments compiled by the Ministry is given at Annex.II.

(d) & (e) State-wise targets with regard to growth of employment have not been set. However, to promote creation of more 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), SwarnajayantiShahariRozgarYojana (SJSRY); Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme

(PMEGP); Swarnajayanti Gram SwarozgarYojana (SGSY) now restructured as National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), besides entrepreneurial development programmes run by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises. To increase the employability, Government is also focusing on skill development in a big way and has set up National Skill Development Agency to coordinate action among Central Ministries in this context.