

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

- (a) whether the percentage of unemployment in the country has increased as a result of decrease in employment opportunities;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to tackle the said problem;
- (c) the percentage of employment opportunities generated by big business houses and corporate sector in the country during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;
- (d) the details of the targets set and achieved with regard to creation of employment opportunities during the said period; and
- (e) the various measures taken by the Government to generate more employment opportunities in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a)As per the results of the surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), the unemployment rate on usual status basis and worker population ratio is given below:

	2009-10	2011-12
Unemployment Rate %	2.0%	2.2%
WPR %	39.2%	38.6%

In absolute term the number of workers increased from 465.5 to 474.1 million during the period.

(b) Government of India has been implementing various employment generation programmes, such as, Swarna 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) besides entrepreneurial development programmes run by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.

(c) According to the information received from the States, employment in private organized sector and growth is given below:

Year	Employment in private organized sector ( in lakh)	% increase over previous year
2008-09	103.77	5.08
2009-10	108.46	4.52
2010-11	114.52	5.59

(d) Details of targets fixed and achieved for employment generation during the 11th Five Year Plan is at Annex.

(e) In addition to the various employment generation programmes mentioned in reply to part (b), recognizing the need to skill large number of people to make them employable, the Government set a target of skilling 5 crore persons during 12th Plan period. National Skill Development Agency has been set up to coordinate action among Central Ministries in this context.