

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FORMULATING SCHEME FOR EMPLOYMENT GENERATION
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the ongoing development related schemes are not creating additional employment opportunities in the country;
- (b) if so , the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government propose to keep in view the need to create additional employment opportunities while formulating the schemes;
- (d) if so , the details thereof; and
- (e) the efforts made by the Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a)&(b): No, Madam. The on-going development related schemes are creating employment opportunities in the country.

(c), (d) and (e): The Eleventh Five year Plan targets generation of 58 million new work opportunities during the period and for that , it has identified sectors in services and industry which have high potential for growth.

Besides, it places emphasis on several initiatives which will increase economic well- being and opportunities in rural areas. For example, National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) provides income support for those in need of employment while also inter-alia help to create assets that will increase land productivity. The Bharat Nirman programme will provide electricity and drinking water to all habitations before the end of the Plan period. PMGSY will provide all-weather connectivity to all villages with a population of over 1000 or with a population of over 500 in hilly areas. Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana will provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or underemployed through encouraging setting up of self – employment ventures or provision of wages employment .The programme is implemented on a whole town basis with special emphasis on urban poor cluster.

The Mid Term Appraisal of 11th Five Plan is under way to evaluate the objectives of Plan and suggest way forward for the remaining period.