

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:476

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CASUAL TEMPORARY WORKERS

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

- (a) the number of employees and workers engaged in formal and informal sectors in the country;
- (b) whether the number of casual/temporary workers has been increasing over the years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the number of casual/temporary/contract workers engaged during each of the last three years, industry/sector-wise and State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to issue guidelines regarding regularisation of such workers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure social security benefits to these workers in the country and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(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. 476 DUE FOR REPLY ON 27.04.2015 BY SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRWAL AND SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA, M.Ps. REGARDING "CASUAL/ TEMPORARY WORKERS"

(a): Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment trends are obtained through labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey (NSS) Office, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation. According to the last 3 surveys, the workforce grew from 45.91 crore in 2004-05 to 46.55 crore persons in 2009-10 and to 47.41 crore persons in 2011-12 and the sector-wise employment is given below:-

(in crore persons)

Workforce by	1999-	2004-	2009-	2011-
Major Sector	2000	2005	2010	2012

Agriculture & Allied	23.8	26.83	24.74	23.18
Industry	6.9	8.35	10.00	11.50
Services	9.0	10.73	11.81	12.73
Total Workforce	39.7	45.91	46.55	47.41
Total Unemployed	0.90	1.08	0.95	1.06

The estimates of workforce by major sectors show an increase in the overall level of employment with an increase in the industry and services sector. The unemployment levels marginally increased from 0.95 crore during 2009-10 to 1.06 crore in 2011-12. As per the surveys, the unemployment rate was to 2.3% in 2004-05, 2.0% in 2009-10 and 2.2% in 2011-12.

Further, estimated employment on usual status has

increased from 39.70 crore persons in 1999-2000 to 47.41 crore in 2011-12, registering an increase of 7.71 crore. Of this increase in employment, 4.78 crore was in the informal sector and 2.93 crore in the formal sector.

(b): According to the NSS survey results the distribution of workers by employment status is as follows:

Year	Self employed	Regular/ casual wages	Labour salaried
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2009-10	51.0%	15.6%	33.5%
2010-12	52.2%	17.9%	29.9%

(c): State/UT-wise Worker Population Ratio for all persons including casual/temporary workers according to usual status (ps+ss) is at Annex-I.

(d): There is no proposal with this Ministry to issue guidelines regarding regularization of casual/temporary/contract workers.

(e): Does not arise.