

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GROWTH RATE OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the report prepared by Working Group of Employment regarding 12th Five Year Plan states that despite increasing growth rate in the country there has not been comparative growth in the employment opportunities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has brought in extensive reforms in the 12th Five Year Plan in view of the said report; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the other steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through labour force surveys on employment and unemployment conducted by National Sample Survey (NSS) Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. Last such survey was conducted during 2011-12. According to the last 3 such surveys, the workforce grew from 45.91 crore in 2004-05 to 47.41 crore persons in 2011-12. Sector-wise estimates of growth of employment are given below:

Workforce 2004-05 2009-10 2011-12
by Major
Sector

	Perce- ntage	In crore persons	Perce- ntage	In crore persons	Perce- ntage	In crore persons
Primary	58.44	26.83	53.15	24.74	48.90	23.18
Secondary	18.18	8.35	21.48	10.00	24.25	11.50
Tertiary	23.38	10.73	25.37	11.81	26.85	12.73
Total	100.00	45.91	100.00	46.55	100.00	47.41

The growth in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during the corresponding period is at annex.

Employment generation is both a cause and consequence of economic growth and is impacted by demographic shifts and technological transformations.

The 12th Five Year Plan projects 5 crore new work opportunities to be generated in the non-farm sector and provide skill certification to equivalent numbers. The National Manufacturing Policy of the Government targets to create 10 crore jobs by the year 2022.

A new Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has been established to coordinate the skill activities across Ministries. In order to improve the employability of youth, around 20 Ministries run skill development schemes across 70 sectors. According to the data compiled by National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), about 76.37 lakh persons were given skill development training in the year 2013-14 under these schemes.

Ministry of Labour & Employment is also contributing in this direction by enhancing the number of ITI s to 11,964 (Govt. 2284 & Pvt. 9680) which impart Vocational Courses certified by National Council for Vocational Training. It has also revamped apprenticeship training scheme.

Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country like encouraging private sector of economy, fast tracking various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) run by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) scheme run by Ministry of Rural Development and National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) run by Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation.

Government has also decided to strategically promote labour-intensive manufacturing and expand employment opportunities by promoting tourism and agro-based industries.

The Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India has adopted the cluster development approach as a key strategy for enhancing the productivity, competitiveness, as well as for boosting employment and capacity building of Micro & Small Enterprises (MSEs) in various sectors including manufacturing sector.

New schemes have also been launched which includes Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) and Seekho aur Kamao scheme was launched for the skill development of minority communities.