

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNEMPLOYED PERSONS FOR CONTRACT WORKS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the estimation regarding the total number of unemployed persons in the country at present;
- (b) whether the number of persons seeking employment is higher than the new employment opportunities created during the last ten years in the country;
- (c) if so, the comparative figures regarding new employment opportunities generated and the number of persons seeking employment during each of the last three years;
- (d) whether the Government proposes any scheme for unemployed persons to work on contract basis; and
- (e) if so, the details of the scheme prepared in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): 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 Major Sector	2004-05	2009-10	2011-12
Agriculture & Allied	26.83	24.74	23.18
Industry	8.35	10.00	11.50
Services	10.73	11.81	12.73
Total Workforce	45.91	46.55	47.41
Total Unemployed	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. 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. The unemployment levels marginally increased from 0.95 crore during 2009-10 to 1.06 crore in 2011-12. 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.

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 Act. (MGNREGA), 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.