

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WORKING CAPACITY OF LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether majority of the labourers in the country are in the age group of 30 to 49 and the working capacity of the labourers of the said age group is also the highest;
- (b) if so, whether employment creation in production sector is less in comparison to the labour available in the country due to which the balanced and equitable growth has become a challenge in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL, MINES AND LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a) Estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey (NSS) Office, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation. As per the survey results for 2011-12, the total workforce as per usual status is 47.41 crore. Further, 51.5 % of the rural workers are in the age group of 30-49 while it is 53.3 % in the urban areas. Information on age-wise working capacity of workers is not available.

(b) & (c) As per the last three NSS survey results, the sector-wise estimates of employment are given below:

Workforce by	2004-05	2009-10	2011-12
Major Sector	Perce In crore	Perce In crore	Perce In crore
ntage persons	ntage persons	ntage 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

(d) 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. In addition to the public employment generation scheme like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Swarana Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM), the Government is promoting labour intensive manufacturing and increasing employment opportunities by promoting tourism and agro-based industries.