GOVERNMENT OF INDIA LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1512 ANSWERED ON:21.07.2014 SHORTFALL IN EMPLOYMENT GENERATION Ranjan (Pappu Yadav) Shri Rajesh

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

- (a) the details of employment opportunities generated in various sectors including solar energy sector during the last three years and the current year:
- (b) whether there is shortfall in employment generation in such sectors;
- (c) if so, the extent of shortfall during the last three years and the current year, sector-wise; and
- (d) the various measures taken by the Government in view of the shortfall in employment generation in the country?

Answer

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

(a) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO). As per the NSSO survey results for 2009-10 and 2011-12, the estimated number of persons working in various sectors are given below:

(in crore)
Workforce by 2009-10 2011-12
Major Industry
Agriculture 24.74 23.18
& Allied
Industry 9.99 11.50
Services 11.81 12.73
Total 46.54 47.41

The Ministry of New & Renewable Energy has estimated around 54,000 direct jobs to have been created during the last 3 years.

- (b) & (c) The above estimates show that during 2009-10 and 2011-12 there has been a decrease in the number of persons working in agriculture and allied sectors by 1.56 crore persons while there was an increase in the industry and services sector by 1.51 and 0.92 crore respectively.
- (d) In addition to the existing public employment generation schemes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA), Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) and National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), the government is promoting labour-intensive manufacturing and increasing employment opportunities by promoting tourism and agro-based industries. 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. It has also been decided to use at least 10% of Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA-SCP), Multi-sectoral Development Programme funds and 5% of Border Area Development Programme funds for skill development and enhancing employability of youth.