

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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INCREASE SHORTFALL IN LABOURERS  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any increase and shortfall have been noticed in the number of labourers in agriculture manufacturing and service sectors during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the comparative details and the total number of labourers working in these sectors separately during the said period, sector-wise;
- (c) whether the growth rate of employment generation in the said sectors has been very slow as compared to other sectors;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, sector-wise; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to generate more employment opportunities in the said sectors?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) 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 above estimates reveal that during 2009-10 and 2011-12 there has been a decrease in the number of persons working in agriculture & allied sector by 1.56 crore persons while there was an increase by 1.51 and 0.92 crore in the industry and services sectors respectively.

(e) In addition to the existing public employment generation schemes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA), Swarana 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-TSP), Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes 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.