

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

- (a) whether employment opportunities have been decreasing in various sectors particularly in the agricultural and industrial sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to generate more employment opportunities particularly in the said sectors;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, sector-wise; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor? A ANSWER

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey (NSS) Office, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation. According to the surveys the workforce in agriculture and allied sector has decreased from an estimated 26.83 crore persons in 2004-05 to 23.18 crore persons in 2011-12. However, the overall employment has increased as per the details below:

(in crore persons)
Workforce by 2004-05 2009-10 2011-12
Major Sector
Agriculture 26.83 24.74 23.18
& Allied
Industry 8.35 10.00 11.50
Services 10.73 11.81 12.73
Total 45.91 46.55 47.41

(c) to (d): 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.

(e) Question does not arise.