

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SHIFTING OF AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of labour workforce has reportedly shifted or is shifting from agriculture sector to manufacturing/construction and other infrastructure sectors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the estimated number of workforce engaged in agriculture, manufacturing/ construction and other infrastructure sectors during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether social security benefits are given to the workers/labourers engaged in the manufacturing/construction and other infrastructure sectors; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or being taken by the Government to extend the benefits of social security to the workers engaged in these sectors?

Answer

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

(a to c) As per results of three surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office estimated employment on usual status basis during 2004-05, 2009-10, 2011-12 is given below:

(in crores)

Sectors	2004-05	2009-10	2011-12
Agriculture and allied	26.83	24.74	23.18
Manufacturing	5.37	5.11	5.97
Construction	2.57	4.46	5.02
Others	11.14	12.24	13.24
Total	45.91	46.55	47.41

(d & e) Social security benefits to the workers in the organized sector are being provided through the labour legislations like The Employees Provident Act, 1948, The Employees Provident Funds & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 (Separate provident fund legislations exist for workers employed in Coal mines and tea plantations in the state of Assam and for seamen), The Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923, The Maternity Benefit Act, 1961, The Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972. Social security/assistance to workers in the unorganized sector is provided through Rashtriya Swasthaya Bima Yojna, Aam Admi Bima Yojna, Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme.