

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT TO RURAL POPULATION
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether most rural population is engaged in non-farm work;
- (b) if so, whether non-farm work is now a bigger employer for rural people in many States across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether because of the above, the agricultural activities in the country have been paralysed; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

- (a) to (c) : As per 68th Round (July 2011 - June 2012 of National Sample Survey, about 35.9 per cent of all workers in rural areas of the country were engaged in non-farm work.
- (d) : No, Madam.
- (e) : Does not arise.