

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WORKFORCE IN SERVICE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is taking necessary measures to strengthen the labour/workforce in the Service Sector;
- (b) if so, the details and estimated number of labour/workforce in the Service Sector;
- (c) the extent to which the free trade agreement in services with ASEAN will affect the national average wages of the local workforce and affect employment opportunities in the Service Sector in the country; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the average wages and other facilities of workforce in the Service Sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) & (b): 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:

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Workforce by Major Industry 2009-10 2011-12

Agriculture & Allied	24.74	23.18
Industry	9.99	11.50
Services	11.81	12.73
Total	46.54	47.41

The service sector has shown a growth in employment of 0.92 crore persons during this period.

(c) & (d): India has recently signed the Trade in Services & Trade in Investments Agreement with ASEAN. The Services Agreement is likely to open up opportunities of movement of both manpower and investments. Government has taken several steps to increase the skills in workforce which will lead to higher productivity and wages. 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. According to the data compiled by National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), about 75 lakh persons were given skill development training in the year 2013-14 to enhance their employability.