

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IMPACT OF ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN ON EMPLOYMENT
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study on the impact of economic slowdown on employment in the country;
- (b) if so, the sectors which have suffered on this count;
- (c) the performance of labour intensive industries such as textile, sugar, etc. during the last three years, so far, as employment generation is concerned; and
- (d) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through labour force surveys on employment and unemployment conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSS), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. As per the results of the recent labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation during 2009-10 and 2011-12 total employment increased from 46.55 crore to 47.41 crore persons.

To assess the effect of economic slowdown on employment in India since January, 2009, Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour & Employment, has been conducting Quarterly Quick Employment surveys in the selected labour-intensive and export-oriented sectors namely textiles including apparels, metals, gems & jewellery, automobiles, transport, IT/BPO, leather and handloom/ powerloom. So far twenty two such surveys have been conducted by Labour Bureau and reports released. According to the survey results, overall estimated employment in all selected sectors has experienced a net addition of 34.71 lakh jobs starting from the first survey (October, 2008 to December, 2008) till the 22nd Survey (April, 2014 to June, 2014). Sector-wise details are at Annex.

For generating more employment in the country, Government has taken various steps like encouraging private sector of economy, fast tracking various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) run by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) scheme run by Ministry of Rural Development and National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) run by Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation.