

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

- (a) whether employment opportunities have decreased in the country in various sectors including agriculture and industrial sectors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and;
- (c) the various steps taken by the Government to create job opportunities especially in the agricultural and industrial sectors in the country, sector-wise?

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:

(in crore)

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 above estimates reveal that during 2009-10 and 2011-12 there has been a decrease in the number of persons working in agriculture & allied sector by 1.56 crore persons while there was an increase by 1.51 and 0.92 crore persons in the industry and services sectors respectively.

(c): In addition to the existing public employment generation schemes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA), Swarna 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. 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.