

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether agricultural labourers constitute over 60 per cent of the total work force in the country;
- (b) if so, the percentage of agricultural labourers, who do not get sustainable level of employment throughout the year; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide employment to all agricultural workers/labourers in the country or employment through diversification throughout the year?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Reliable estimates on employment and unemployment are obtained through periodical labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. As per the results of last three surveys conducted during 2004-05, 2009-10 and 2011-12, sector- wise employment is given below:

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Sector	2004-2005	2009-2010	2011-2012
Agriculture & Allied	26.8	24.7	23.2
Industries	8.3	10.0	11.5
Services	10.7	11.8	12.7
Total	45.8	46.5	47.4

This reveals that employment in agriculture sector (including agricultural labourers) is declining and there is an increase in industry and services sector.

(c):Twelfth Five Year Plan has projected to create 5 crore non-farm employment opportunities with focus on more productive and quality employment in the manufacturing and services sector in the country. To address the unemployment issue of agricultural labourers Government runs various public employ- ment generation schemes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), and Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP).