

(b) if so, the concerted efforts that have been made during the last five years to generate employment and prevent job losses;

(c) whether Government has undertaken any programme for employment generation in different sectors;

(d) whether Government has fixed any target of reducing unemployment to the minimum; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) The Government is concerned about the possible impact of global financial crisis on the Indian economy, including employment and several measures, financial and fiscal, have been taken. A large number of these measures have been taken to help the industry in general and more affected labour intensive export sectors in particular since October 7, 2008.

(c) The Government's concern and efforts about employment generation are well articulated in the 11th Five Year Plan document as well as Economic Survey 2008-09. The Government is implementing various employment generating schemes such as National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS), Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY).

(d) and (e) The 11th Five Year Plan (2007-2012) aims at creating 58.07 million work opportunities mainly in services and manufacturing sectors.

Implementation of food security

644. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

SHRI N.K.SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has recently expressed the need for fixing responsibility in case of failure in implementing the Food Security Act;

(b) if so, whether the Planning Commission has urged involvement of Panchayats in the task as they are directly related to the intended beneficiaries; and

(c) if so, the further reaction of the Government on the proposed Food Security Act and its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY) : (a) to (c) No Sir.

Food Security was announced by the Hon'ble President of India in her address to the both Houses of Parliament on 4th June 2009. The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution is nodal ministry responsible for formulating the proposed bill.