

**Job loss due to slowdown of economy**

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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has made any assessment regarding the total job loss in the country as a result of the recent slowdown of economy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is considering to take steps so that new jobs are created; and
- (d) if so, the sector-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE) : (a) and (b) Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour & Employment has been conducting a series of quick employment surveys since January, 2009 to study the impact of global economic slowdown on employment in Indian economy. These surveys are being conducted for selected sectors of the economy which are sensitive to the global economic factors. The survey is conducted in few important sectors of the economy viz. Textiles, Leather, Metals, Automobiles, Gems & Jewellery, Transport, IT/BPO and Mining. According to the results of the 13th quarterly survey conducted during October-December, 2011, the overall employment has shown an increase of 25.84 lakh during the period October, 2008 to December, 2011.

(c) and (d) Generation of employment is a function of economic growth. Approach paper to the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17) suggests focus on faster, sustainable and more inclusive growth for creating adequate livelihood opportunities. GDP growth of 9% has been proposed for the 12th Plan. Government is taking all necessary steps to enhance the employability and employment in the country. Measures have been taken to boost labour intensive manufacturing sectors, such as, food processing, leather products, footwear, textiles and services sector, such as, Tourism, Construction and also Information Technology Enabled Services. Sector-wise details of employment generation have not been indicated in the Approach paper to the 12th Five Year Plan. However, it estimates that the manufacturing sector will have to create around 3 to 4 million jobs over and above the pace of job creation in the recent past.

**Enhancement of minimum wage**

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