

50 million employment opportunities

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a target for generating 50 million new employment opportunities has been envisaged during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, new jobs generated during 2002-03, *i.e.*, the first year of the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to achieve the target set under the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The Tenth Five Year Plan envisages creation of 50 million employment opportunities, measured on Current Daily Status (CDS) basis, during the period 2002-07.

(b) Estimates of employment and unemployment, on CDS basis, are available once in 5 years from the quinquennial employment & unemployment surveys done by National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO). As per the two most recent surveys, the number of employment opportunities, on CDS basis, increased from 315.84 million in 1993-94 (50th round of NSSO) to 336.75 million in 1999-2000 (55th round of NSSO). NSSO is now initiating a large scale employment survey annually, and a reporting system for every six months, by redesigning their Survey formats.

(c) Tenth Five Year Plan envisages that out of the total of 50 million employment opportunities, to be created in the Tenth Plan, nearly 20 million of employment opportunities will be created by innovate programmes and policies favouring the labour intensive sectors; the remaining 30 million will come from the normal buoyancy of growth, corresponding to the 8% GDP growth target set for the Plan.