

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LABOUR  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4048  
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DECLINE IN UTILISATION OF LABOUR FORCE  
CHARAN DAS MAHANT;RAMESHWAR DUDH;RATTAN LAL KATARIA

**Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there has been decline in utilisation of vast labour force in India after the introduction of the second generation reforms, liberalisation and economic reforms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the pace of mechanisation in production process has increased;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in the interests and welfare of labourers in the process of liberalisation and various reforms?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT ( SHRI MUNI LALL )

(a) to (e): There is no evidence to show that there is decline in utilisation of vast labour force owing to second generation reforms, liberalisation and economic reforms. Modernisation and upgradation of machinery is a continuous process in industrial activities, and it takes place to make them competitive to face the World market. The Government is conscious of the need to protect the interest of the workers and have constituted the Second National Commission on Labour to match and safeguard the interest of the workers in the changing World economic scenario.