

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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TASK FORCE FOR GENERATION OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Planning Commission has set up a task force to suggest ways to generate new employment opportunities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the employment opportunities in the country have come down considerably over the years; and
- (d) if so, the concrete steps taken by the Government to generate new employment opportunities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) & (b) : The Planning Commission had set up a Task Force on Employment Opportunities under the Chairmanship of Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia, which submitted its Report in June, 2001.

(c) & (d) : The employment opportunities increased from 315.84 million in 1993-94 to 336.75 million in 1999-2000, as per the previous two quinquennial rounds of National Sample Survey conducted in 1993-94 (50th round) and 1999-2000 (55th round).