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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR

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

(a) whether employment in both public and private sector has declined during the last two years and current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to step up employment opportunities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

a& b) Employment in the public and private organized sector in the country is estimated through Employment Market Information Programme of Directorate General of Employment & Training, Ministry of Labour & Employment. As per this programme, employment in the public and private sector as on 31st March, 2002,2003 and 2004 (latest available) was as given below

Year as on 31st March Employment (In Lakhs) Total

Public Sector Private Sector

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|------|--------|-------|--------|
| 2002 | 187.73 | 84.32 | 272.06 |
| 2003 | 185.80 | 84.21 | 270.00 |
| 2004 | 181.97 | 82.46 | 264.43 |

c) A target of creation of around 5 crore employment opportunities was fixed for the 10th Plan period. Out of these, nearly 3 crore employment opportunities were to come from the normal growth of the economy assuming 8% per annum growth of Gross Domestic Product and remaining two crore from special employment generation programmes. Besides this latest initiative taken by the Government in the rural areas is the launch of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, which aims at providing 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in a year to each rural house hold