

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EMPLOYMENT GENERATION NOT KEEPING PACE WITH LIBERALISATION
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether preliminary data for the fifth economic census released recently has revealed that the employment generation has not kept pace with the liberalization as employment in the non-agricultural sector grew only 2.5% while enterprises engaged in the service and manufacturing grew by 4.8% during 1998-2005;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether labour laws have played a vital part in lesser growth of employment in these sectors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure that employment keep pace with the growth in the number of enterprises engaged in service and manufacturing sector?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) and (b): The Fifth Economic Census 2005 covered all the enterprises (excluding those involved in crop production and plantation) engaged in production and/or distribution of goods and/or services other than for the sole purpose of own consumption. As per the provisional results, the overall average annual growth rate in the enterprises during the period 1998-2005 was 4.8%. The corresponding growth rate in total employment was 2.49%.

(c) and (d): Labour laws aim at protecting the interest of workers and promote their welfare. It is difficult to establish any direct relation between labour laws and employment growth.