

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:61  
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2006  
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of employment opportunities generated under the new economic reforms during the financial year;;
- (b) the target of employment opportunities to be generated during the next financial year; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government on the achievement of the targets fixed?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a to c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 61 BY SHRI ABDUL RASHID SHAHEEN AND SHRI HARIKEWAL PRASAD, REGARDING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR REPLY ON 27-11-2006.  
Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial National Sample Surveys carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). Last such survey for which results have been published relates to the year 2004-05. As per these surveys, the employment, as per usual status approach which was of the order of 397 million in 1999-2000 has gone up to 459 million in 2004-05. On an average, therefore, around 12.4 million persons were provided employment per year during the period 2000-05.

Tenth Plan envisaged creation of around 50 million employment opportunities; 30 million through normal growth process and 20 million through special employment generation schemes. Therefore, on an average, 10 million employment opportunities were envisaged per year.