

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CREATION OF NEW JOBS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has drawn up a blue print for creation of new jobs every year; and
(b) if so, the details thereof, sector-wise?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): The Approach to the Mid-Term Appraisal (MTA) of Tenth Five Year Plan has reiterated the objective of the Plan that the employment growth should exceed growth of labour force to reduce the backlog of unemployment. In order to achieve this objective, the strategies advocated include:

- Promotion of public investment in rural areas
- Reforms in the financial sector for higher investment in the Small and Medium Enterprises
- Unleashing the potential of large-scale employment creation in the Construction sector, especially in urban areas.
- Improvements in infrastructure for expansion in private investment
- Support to services industry, including software and all IT enabled services, trade, distribution, transport, telecommunication, finance and tourism.
- Greater focus on agro-processing and rural services

Also, a National Food for Work Programme has been launched on 14.11.2004 in 153 backward districts with a view to provide an employment assurance of at least 100 days per family in these areas.