

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT IN SERVICE SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether International Labour Organisation (ILO) in its report `Visions for Asia`s Decent Work Decade : Sustainable Growth and jobs to 2015` has predicated that in India the service sector will surpass all other sectors in job creation by 2015;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the report has also predicted decline in agricultural employment and increase in industrial employment; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the corrective steps being taken by the Government to boost agricultural employment?

**Answer**

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

- (a &b) The International Labour Organisation (ILO) in its report `Vision for Asia`s Decent Work Decade: Sustainable Growth and jobs to 2015` has not made any prediction exclusively about India. However, the Report mentions that employment in service sector will grow from 25.8% in 1996 to 34.7 percent in 2015 for South Asia (of which India is a part) as a whole.
- (c) The report has predicted that the employment in agriculture sector will decline from 58.5% in 1996 to 39.5% in 2015 whereas industrial employment will grow from 15.8% to 25.7% during the same period.
- (d) Approach paper to the Eleventh Five year Plan envisages accelerating GDP growth in agriculture to around 4% as a corrective policy measure to boost agricultural employment opportunities.