

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

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DECLINE IN JOBS IN GOVERNMENT SECTOR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of employees retired and the number of new employees appointed in their place under the Government of India during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether there has been a sharp decline in the number of Government jobs during the said period;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for providing employment to the unemployed?

Answer

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

- (a) Information is not centrally maintained;
- (b)&(c) Globalization and economic liberalization, technological advancement, mechanization, restructuring of public sector and rightsizing of the Government sector are among the major reasons for decline in organized sector jobs.
- (d) The Approach Paper to the Eleventh Five Year Plan envisages creation of 70 million new work opportunities. It aims at making employment generation an integral part of the growth process and devise strategies to accelerate not only growth of employment but also of wages of the poorly paid and contains important policy initiatives for generation of employment. Besides, various employment generation and poverty alleviation programmes such as Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana; Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana; Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana; Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana; Rural Employment Generation Programme; Sampurna Grameen Rozgar Yojana; and National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme are being implemented to generate employment opportunities for the unemployed.