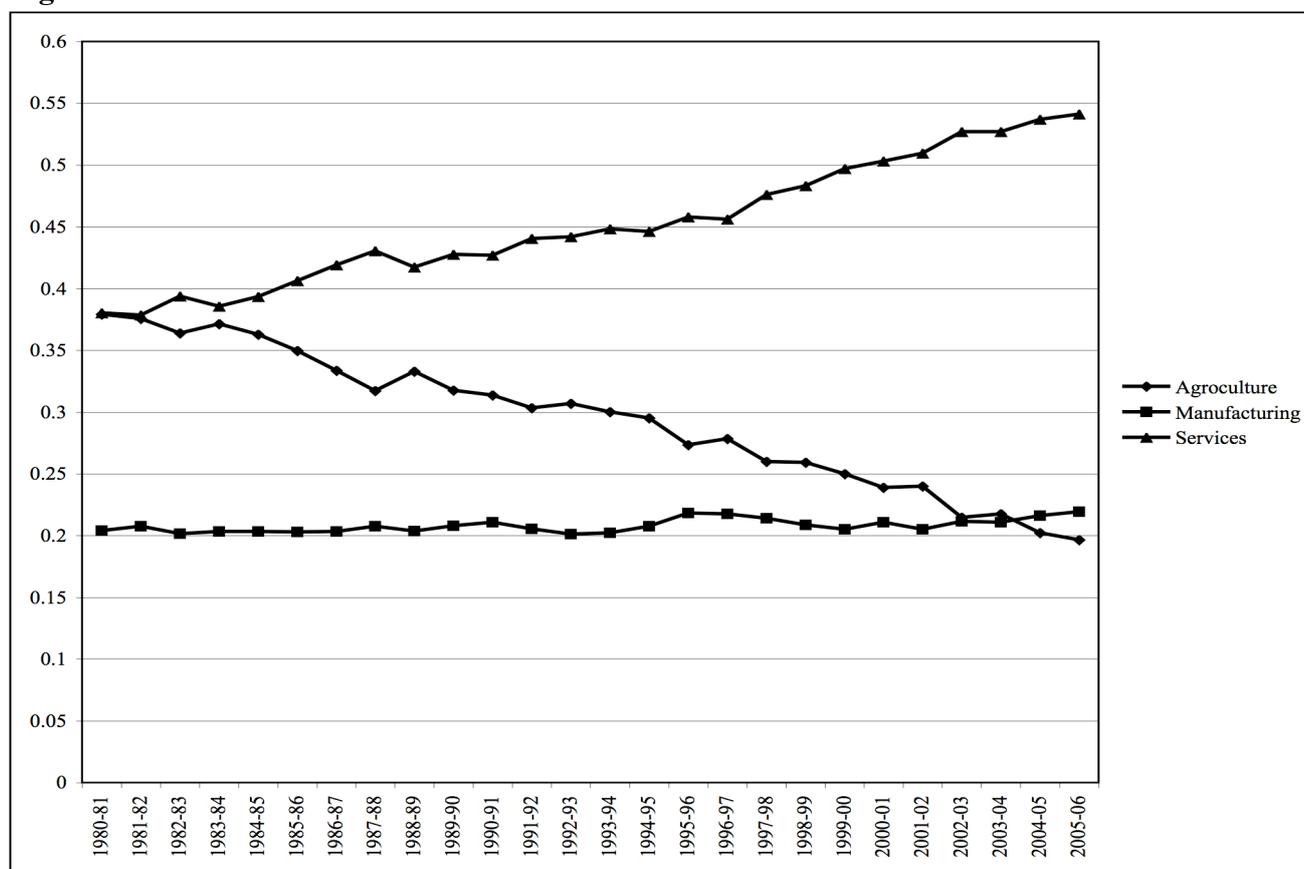


social safety net system guaranteed by a formal occupation. As a consequence, India's potential manufacturing renaissance, especially in terms of employment, is still in its early stages. This appears quite surprising for a country whose supply of arable land is second only to the United States and which has successfully developed a process of tertiarisation of its economy. But modernization cannot only rely upon a strong IT sector and labour productivity growth could be not sufficient to solve problems of acute poverty or underemployment. India should look to establish and reinforce forward and backward linkages between agriculture and manufacturing if it wants to transform a jobless growth pattern into an inclusive growth process. After more than thirty years since the Green Revolution, the agrarian question is still open for India.

Figure 1. Sector evolution over GDP



Source: CSO

Table 1. Indian labour force, millions

	1981	1991	2001	2005
Labour Force	305.73	369.14	451.38	476.13
Unorganised Sector	282.83	342.41	423.59	449.67
Organised Sector	22.90	26.73	27.79	26.46
<i>as percentage of labour force</i>	7.49	7.24	6.16	5.56
Private Organised Sector	7.40	7.68	8.65	8.45
<i>as percentage of labour force</i>	2.42	2.08	1.92	1.78

Source: *Economic Survey*, different issues, and World Development Indicators (2006).

Table 2. Sector distribution of employment in the organised sector (in percentage)

	1981	1991	2001	2005
Public				
Agriculture	8.3	8.2	7.2	8.4
Industry	21.1	20.5	18.0	16.1
Services	70.6	71.3	74.8	75.5
Private				
Agriculture	13.4	12.9	11.7	12.6
Industry	62.9	59.8	59.2	54.3
Services	23.7	27.3	29.1	33.2
Total				
Agriculture	9.9	9.5	8.6	9.7
Industry	34.6	31.8	30.8	28.3
Services	55.4	58.7	60.6	62.0

Source: *Economic Survey*, different issues.

Table 3. Unorganized sector distribution of employment, millions (estimates)

	1983	1993	1999
Agriculture	206.7	242.6	237.4
Industry	33.7	46.9	58.2
Services	39.4	60.7	73.5

Source: author's calculations based on *Economic Survey*, different issues, and Dutta (2002).

Table 4. Share of unorganised segment in Net State Domestic Product by economic activities at current prices (in percentage)

	1980	1991	2001	2005
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	95.2	96.2	96.4	94.4
Mining and quarrying	9.6	7.7	9.0	7.9
Manufacturing	46.3	39.1	36.5	32.8
Electricity, gas and water supply	6.0	3.6	2.8	4.7
Construction	48.0	55.5	57.2	62.4
Trade, hotels and restaurants	89.6	91.9	83.7	80.6
Transport, store and communication	45.2	52.3	57.2	63.7
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	65.0	40.6	49.2	44.5
Community, social and personal services	25.9	19.4	23.7	27.1
<i>Net State Domestic Product</i>	70.0	63.8	60.4	58.0

Source: *National Account Statistics*, Government of India, different issues

Table 5. Sectoral employment output elasticities, registered sector

	1981-1991	1991-2001	2001-2005
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.31	-0.03	0.39
Mining and quarrying	0.21	-0.37	0.63
Agriculture	0.36	-0.20	0.81
Manufacturing	0.08	0.03	-0.48
Electricity, gas and water supply	0.36	0.07	-0.40
Construction	0.14	-0.14	-0.39
Industry	0.13	0.01	-0.43
Trade, hotels and restaurants	0.25	0.14	0.32
Transport, store and communication	0.20	0.02	-0.17
Financing, insurance, real estate and business services	0.52	0.17	0.51
Community, social and personal services	0.40	0.12	-0.19
Services	0.35	0.09	-0.08
<i>All</i>	<i>0.33</i>	<i>0.07</i>	<i>-0.18</i>

Source: author's calculations based on *Economic Survey*, different issues

Table 6. Labour demand of registered manufacturing workers: variables average annual growth (in percentage), 1980-2004

Workers	0.46	Registered Manufacturing	5.78
Wage	1.05	Manufacturing	5.26
Capital	3.59	State Output (NSDP)	4.98
Intersectoral terms of trade	0.27	Unregistered Share	-0.83

Source: author's calculations based on *Economic Survey*, different issues

Table 7. System-GMM estimations of labour demand growth across 15 Indian states, 1980-2004

VARIABLES	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e) ⁺
L.workers	-0.376*** (0.074)	-0.379*** (0.079)	-0.382*** (0.082)	-0.379*** (0.073)	-0.362*** (0.074)
L2.worker	0.024 (0.054)	0.016 (0.056)	-0.017 (0.046)	-0.014 (0.044)	0.005 (0.040)
L3.workers	0.105** (0.049)	0.093* (0.048)	0.068 (0.046)	0.066 (0.048)	0.074 (0.045)
wage	-0.089*** (0.032)	-0.090*** (0.034)	-0.093** (0.037)	-0.087** (0.038)	-0.098*** (0.037)
L.wage	-0.057** (0.026)	-0.059** (0.025)	-0.054*** (0.020)	-0.042* (0.022)	-0.046** (0.020)
L2.wage	-0.027 (0.025)	-0.029 (0.025)	-0.010 (0.020)	-0.002 (0.017)	-0.007 (0.018)
capital	0.092*** (0.029)	0.091*** (0.029)	0.090*** (0.026)	0.100*** (0.030)	0.099*** (0.028)
L.capital	0.030* (0.017)	0.029* (0.017)	0.028* (0.016)	0.040** (0.017)	0.030* (0.018)
L.capital	-0.023 (0.016)	-0.025 (0.017)	-0.032 (0.020)	-0.017 (0.018)	-0.027 (0.017)
terms_of_trade	0.064** (0.027)	0.065** (0.027)	0.078** (0.036)	0.072** (0.030)	0.075** (0.031)
L.terms_of_trade	0.014 (0.032)	0.014 (0.033)	0.018 (0.035)	0.015 (0.032)	0.012 (0.031)
L2.terms_of_trade	0.047 (0.036)	0.048 (0.036)	0.042 (0.037)	0.028 (0.033)	0.031 (0.033)
registered_manuf	0.030* (0.016)				
L.registered_manuf	0.042** (0.019)				
L2.registered_manuf	0.037** (0.015)				
manufacturing		0.048** (0.022)			
L.manufacturing		0.049* (0.028)			
L2.manufacturing		0.062* (0.033)			
state_output			0.126*** (0.041)		
L.state_output			0.105 (0.076)		
L2.state_output			0.101 (0.081)		
unregistered_manuf_share				-0.034* (0.019)	-0.023 (0.020)
L.unregistered_manuf_share				-0.029 (0.039)	-0.005 (0.039)
L2.unregistered_manuf_share				-0.058* (0.033)	-0.034 (0.032)
Constant	-0.175*** (0.039)	-0.175*** (0.039)	-0.098*** (0.025)	-0.077*** (0.023)	-0.077*** (0.024)
Observations	308	308	312	312	312
Number of states	15	15	15	15	15

Arellano-Bond test for AR(1) in first differences:					
z =	-3.31	-3.33	-3.33	-3.27	-3.29
Pr > z =	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001
Arellano-Bond test for AR(2) in first differences:					
z =	0.22	0.38	0.32	0.78	0.61
Pr > z =	0.827	0.702	0.75	0.435	0.54
Sargan test of overid. restrictions:					
chi2 =	320.76	321.83	325.04	297.37	325.72
Pr > chi2 =	0.384	0.386	0.322	0.003	0.313

Note: figures in parentheses are robust standard errors. *Significant at 10%; ** significant at 5%; *** significant at 1%
⁺ Unregistered share treated as endogenous.

Table 8. Long-run elasticities of employment growth with respect to different variables

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Wages	-0.138	-0.139	-0.105	-0.102	-0.122
Capital	0.080	0.075	0.075	0.091	0.079
Intersectoral terms of trade	0.102	0.101	0.095	0.088	0.092
Registered manufacturing	0.086	-	-	-	-
Total manufacturing	-	0.123	-	-	-
Output	-	-	0.228	-	-
Unregistered share	-	-	-	-0.087	-
Unregistered share (end.)	-	-	-	-	-0.048

Table 9. Contribution of variables to the average growth rate of employment based on long-run elasticities

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Wages	-0.15	-0.15	-0.11	-0.11	-0.13
Capital	0.29	0.27	0.27	0.33	0.28
Intersectoral terms of trade	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03
Registered manufacturing	0.50	-	-	-	-
Total manufacturing	-	0.65	-	-	-
Output	-	-	1.14	-	-
Unregistered share	-	-	-	0.07	-
Unregistered share (end.)	-	-	-	-	0.04
<i>Explained growth rate</i>	<i>0.67</i>	<i>0.80</i>	<i>1.32</i>	<i>0.32</i>	<i>0.22</i>
Actual growth rate	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46

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