

Regarding unemployment scenario in the Country-laid

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SADANAND SULE (BARAMATI): India's unemployment rate surged to a two-year high, reaching 10.09% in October 2023. Despite a growing population, the nation's workforce has stagnated over the last five years. The Azim Premji University's State of Working India 2023 report shows a disturbing trend in employment of women showing a shift towards self-employment rather than secure jobs. Youth unemployment, alarmingly, was at 23.22% in 2022, higher than our neighbours Pakistan (11.3%), Bangladesh (12.9%), and Bhutan (14.4%), according to World Bank data. Despite India's economic growth, expected to exceed 6% annually, there exists a paradox?growth without job creation. In IT Park, Hinjewadi of my constituency there is a job crunch for youth. I urge upon the Government to push for the creation of high-quality, dignified job opportunities, to ensure a productive workforce. Achieving this imperative requires structural change, with a focus on increasing university seats, improving Government schools, and upgrading curriculum to create an employable and skilled workforce with transferable skills.