

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4746  
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2000  
SURVEY ON UNEMPLOYMENT  
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**Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have conducted any survey regarding unemployment in the urban areas;
- (b) if so, the results thereof;
- (c) whether the number of unemployed persons are increasing rapidly in the urban areas;
- (d) if so, the details of unemployed persons in the country till December 1998, State-wise;
- (e) whether International Labour Organisation has cautioned the Government against the danger of increasing unemployment; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION ( SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA )

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Labour have intimated the number of job seekers (all of whom are not necessarily unemployed), belonging to the urban areas and registered with the Employment Exchanges in various States and Union Territories as on 31.12.1999 as in the Annexure.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Labour have also reported that the number of job seekers from urban areas, which was of the order of 163.3 lakh in 1990, has gone up to 180.5 lakh at the end of December 1999. It is observed that the average annual increase in the number of job seekers from urban area was of the order of 1% during the period 1990-99. A statement indicating the number of job seekers belonging to urban areas on the live registers of the employment Exchanges as on 31.12.1999, is given in the annexure.

(e): This Ministry has not received any such caution from the International Labour organisation.

(f): Does not arise.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a)TO(d) OF LOK SABHA USQ NO.4746 FOR 25.4.2000.

ANNEXURE

NUMBER OF JOB-SEEKERS BELONGING TO URBAN AREAS ON THE LIVE REGISTER OF EMPLOYMENT EXCHAN ON 31.12.1999.

STATE/UNION NUMBER IN THOUSANDS  
TERRITORIES

1. Andhra Pradesh 1327.2
2. Arunachal Pradesh 15.4
3. Assam 613.6
4. Bihar 1316.3
5. Goa 33.5
6. Gujarat 456.4

7 Haryana	303.2
8. Himachal Pradesh	113.4
9. Jammu & Kashmir	87.8
10. Karnataka	1071.5
11. Kerala	860.6
12. Madhya Pradesh	1255.6
13. Maharashtra	2164.9
14. Manipur	220.8
15. Meghalaya	24.7
16. Mizoram	80.5
17. Nagaland	28.3
18. Orissa	323.1
19. Punjab	262.0
20. Rajasthan	463.3
21. Sikkim	+
22. Tamil Nadu	2093.2
23. Tripura	150.0
24. Uttar Pradesh	1298.6
25. West Bengal	2504.4

Union Territories

26. A & N Islands	27.8
27. Chandigarh	92.8
28. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-
29 Delhi	747.6
30. Daman & Diu	4.1
31. Lakshadweep	-
32. Pondicherry	106.8

Total 18047.5

Note:- + No Employment Exchange is functioning in this State.  
Figures may not add to total due to rounding off.