

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:226  
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UNEMPLOYED IN RURAL AREAS  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of unemployed persons in the rural areas of the country, State-wise, particularly in Maharashtra;
- (b) the percentage of youths migrating from the rural areas to towns in search of job every year;
- (c) the annual percentage of such migration, State-wise;
- (d) whether unemployment is increasing in the rural areas; and
- (e) if so, the details as well as reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT ( SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 226 due for reply on 8.8.2000.

The status of unemployment in the Country (including rural areas) is estimated by the National Sample Survey Organisation(NSSO) through various Rounds of Surveys. As per the latest estimates available, the number of unemployed persons in rural areas, State-wise, (including Maharashtra), estimated on the basis of the 50th Round of Survey (1993-94), is given at the Annexure.

2. While figures relating to migration of youth from rural areas to towns (in search of employment every year) are not available, as per the 1991 Census, about 8,445,922 persons, including youth, migrated from rural areas to urban areas for employment, which amounted to 21.16% of all migrants from rural areas.

3. The number of unemployed persons in rural areas is reported to have decreased from 7.17 million in 1987-88 to 4.71 million in 1993-94.