

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4918  
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REDUCTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT  
DUKHA BHAGAT;MANSINH PATEL

**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether the Government are contemplating to promote the labour intensive techniques in production to check the increasing unemployment in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS

(SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a), (b) & (c): One of the primary objectives of the Ninth Five Year Plan is to generate greater productive work opportunities. The Plan seeks to achieve this objective in the growth process itself by concentrating on sectors, sub-sectors and technologies which are labour intensive, in regions characterised by higher rates of unemployment and under-employment.

In the Ninth Five Year Plan, priority is being given to agriculture and rural development, rural non-farm sector and village and small industry sector with a view to generating adequate productive employment.