

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
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EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) the target fixed to provide employment during the Eighth Five Year Plan;
- (b) the number of persons actually provided employment;
- (c) the reasons for not achieving the target; and
- (d) the total number of persons registered with Employment Exchanges as on date and figures in comparison to last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (c) As per projections made by Planning Commission, 8-9 million employment opportunities were to be created per year during the Eighth Plan, against which it is estimated that an average of 7.3 million employment opportunities were created between 1987-88 to 1993-94. This is based on National Sample Survey estimates. Similar estimates for the beginning and end of 8th Five-Year Plan are not available. As the economic growth did not take place as per projections, there were short falls in employment opportunities.

(d) Number of job seekers, (all of whom are not necessarily unemployed) registered with various Employment Exchanges in the country at the end of the year 1997, 1998 and 1999 was of the order of 391.4, 400.9 and 403.7 lakhs respectively.