

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES FOR UNEMPLOYED EDUCATED PERSONS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the average number of educated/uneducated unemployed persons in rural areas of the country;
- (b) whether the Government has assessed the number of educated unemployed in the country; and
- (c) if so, the measures being contemplated by the Government to resolve this constantly growing problem in each State particularly in Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a) to (c) As per 55th round (1999-2000) on employment and unemployment of National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), the unemployment rate for the educated persons of age 15 years and above on Usual status basis in rural areas of Maharashtra has been estimated at 6.1% as compared to 6.7% in rural areas in the country as a whole. Unemployment rate for all (educated-uneducated) on usual status basis in rural areas of the country is estimated at 1.5% in 1999-2000.

Tenth Plan envisages creation of 50 million employment opportunities during 2002-07. To create employment potential, the Tenth Plan has identified the labour intensive sectors and sub-sectors for development such as agriculture, including social forestry, animal husbandry, fishing, horticulture and related areas and small and medium industries, construction, tourism, information technology, financial sector, education and health.