

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:72
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2005
UNEMPLOYMENT
Chouhan Shri Shivraj Singh

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted survey to assess the number of educated unemployed youth in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the present ratio of educated youth and the total unemployed youth in the country;
- (c) whether the Government is taking/proposes to take certain special measures to provide employment to these youths and reduce unemployment; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K.CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

a to d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NUMBER 72 BY SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN REGARDING, UNEMPLOYMENT FOR REPLY ON 28/11/2005.

Estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation. Last such survey for which results are available was conducted during 1999-2000. As per this survey, number of unemployed persons on usual status basis was estimated at around 90 lakh. 60% of the unemployed i.e. around 54 lakh were educated (secondary & above).

Creation of around 5 crore employment opportunities during the 10th Plan Period was targetted. Out of these, around 3 crore were to be generated in the normal growth process and remaining 2 crore through special employment generation programmes. Besides, National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 which aims at enhancing the livelihood security in rural areas by providing at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to each Rural households has been passed.