

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:663
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URBAN UNEMPLOYMENT
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any study has been conducted by Government to find out the reasons for increasing unemployment in the urban areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the urban unemployment on the basis of age-group and economic conditions;
- (d) whether the Government has announced any scheme for re-employment assistance and skill development in the urban areas; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(c): The Ministry of Housing and Poverty Alleviation has not conducted any study in this regard.

As reported by the Planning Commission, the incidence of overall unemployment and unemployment among youth (age groups 15-19, 20-24 and 25-29) in urban areas is given in the Annexure.

(d)&(e): Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation is already implementing, on all India basis, a centrally sponsored urban poverty alleviation programme named Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), with effect from 1.12.1997. This programme is specially meant for urban poor below poverty line and seeks to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or under employed poor through

- (i) encouragement to setting up of self-employment ventures by the urban poor and
 - (ii) through provision of wage employment by utilising their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.
- ANNEXURE**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA USQ NO.663 FOR 24.11.2006.

INCIDENCE OF UNEMPLOYMENT# IN URBAN AREAS (%)

(On CDS basis)

Age Group Incidence of Unemployment
Male Female Persons

15-19	19.0	18.0	19.0
20-24	17.1	25.9	18.5
25-29	10.3	13.1	10.7
15-29	14.7	19.1	15.4
All ages	7.30	9.40	7.70

Unemployed as percentage of labour force.