

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

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UNEMPLOYMENT CRISIS

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of an alarmingly increase in the rate of unemployment in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of educated, uneducated, skilled and unskilled unemployed persons registered in employment exchange in the country, state-wise as on date;
- (d) whether the Government has identified industries and other areas to provide employment to such persons;
- (e) if so, the area identified in this respect;
- (f) the number of persons likely to be provided employment in these areas; and
- (g) the strategies the Government have adopted to tackle the unemployment crisis in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a) & (b) Estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through labour force surveys carried out by National Sample Survey Organisation from time to time. As per these surveys, estimated unemployment rate in the country on usual status basis has marginally gone up from approximately 1.90% during 1993-94 to 2.23% during 1999-2000

(c) State-wise number of educated (Matric and above) and uneducated (below matric) jobseekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the Live Register of employment exchanges in the country as on December 2002(latest available) is given in the Annexure. Information on skilled and unskilled jobseekers is not maintained.

(d) & (e) Government constituted a Special Group headed by Dr. S.P. Gupta, Member, Planning Commission to analyse employment and unemployment in all aspects and suggest strategy and programmes for creating 5 crore employment opportunities during the 10th plan period. The 10th plan had identified areas with high employment potential which include agriculture, agroforestry, energy plantation, rural sector and small and medium enterprises, tourism, Information & Communication Technology and other services.

(f) & (g) The Special Group had recommended the following strategy.

8% growth in GDP with business as usual will contribute around 30 million employment opportunities.

#Special employment generation programmes will yield around 20 million employment opportunities.

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (c) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Q.No. 132 due for reply on 5.7.04

No. of educated & uneducated jobseekers on the live register of Employment Exchanges as on 31.12.2002

(In thousands)

S.No. State/Union Territories Educated (10th Standard & above) including illiterates) Uneducated (below 10thStandard

| | | |
|----------------------|--------|-------|
| 1. Andhra Pradesh | 2872.2 | 75.2 |
| 2. Arunachal Pradesh | 12.2 | 10.6 |
| 3. Assam | 1024.9 | 522.4 |

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| 4. Bihar | 1484.1 | 328.7 |
| 5. Chhattisgarh## | 800.3 | 148.9 |
| 6. Delhi | 845.1 | 214.9 |
| 7 Goa | 84.1 | 19.5 |
| 8. Gujarat | 864.4 | 188.4 |
| 9. Haryana | 596.8 | 205.2 |
| 10. Himachal Pradesh | 695.6 | 210.2 |
| 11. Jammu & Kashmir | 90.7 | 55.4 |
| 12. Jharkhund | 709.7 | 609.2 |
| 13. Karnataka | 1273.1 | 676.0 |
| 14. Kerala | 3026.4 | 717.7 |
| 15. Madhya Pradesh | 1474.0 | 396.4 |
| 16. Maharashtra | 3350.2 | 996.7 |
| 17. Manipur | 263.2 | 151.6 |
| 18. Meghalaya | 20.3 | 15.9 |
| 19. Mizoram | 21.6 | 19.8 |
| 20. Nagaland | 21.5 | 14.0 |
| 21. Orissa | 618.2 | 143.6 |
| 22. Punjab | 383.1 | 123.3 |
| 23. Rajasthan | 523.1 | 172.9 |
| 24. Sikkim | # | |
| 25. Tamilnadu | 3128.7 | 1848.5 |
| 26. Tripura | 105.7 | 246.7 |
| 27. Uttranchal | 275.7 | 72.1 |
| 28. Uttar Pradesh | 1392.0 | 434.8 |
| 29. West Bengal | 3483.9 | 2967.3 |
| 30. Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 16.9 | 22.2 |
| 31. Chandigarh | 57.3 | 24.9 |
| 32. Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 4.0 | 1.5 |
| 33. Daman & Diu | 4.5 | 3.9 |
| 34. Lakshadweep | 5.7 | 4.3 |
| 35. Pondicherry | 138.8 | 12.8 |

Total 29667.9 11655.5

Note

= No Employment Exchange function in this state.
= Provisional Figure may not tally due to rounding off.