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INCREASING UNEMPLOYMNET
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the reduction in productivity is a major cause for rapid increase in unemployment in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regards.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) and (b): There has been a reduction in growth rate of productivity (measured in terms of real GDP per person) since 2007-08. However, as the estimates of employment based on quinquennial surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) are available up to 2004-05 only, no specific inference about the linkage of productivity and increase in unemployment can be drawn.

(c): The steps taken by the Government to increase productivity inter alia includes investment in infrastructure, improving quality of workforce and stabilization of macro economic conditions through stimulus package.