

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EMPLOYMENT TO SKILLED PROFESSIONALS

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

- (a) whether the number of unemployed engineers, other professionals, and skilled workforce has increased during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate a special scheme/policy for providing remunerative jobs /employment to such unemployed persons, separately;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of such persons are likely to be benefited therefrom;and
- (e) the efforts made/being made by the Government for creation of skilled workforce in view of the global competition?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a & b) Number of engineers and other professional jobseekers, all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed, registered with employment exchanges in the country for the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 is as under:

(in lakh)

Year Engineers Other Professionals

2005 2.23 1.14

2006 2.77 1.42

2007 2.87 1.47

(c)& (d) In order to provide jobs to educated unemployed, the 11th Plan aims at increasing private organized sector employment ambitiously, by at least 10 million. Along with the public sector, organized sector jobs would then expand by over 15 million, a growth rate of about 9% per annum.

(e) In the Eleventh Five Year Plan, a Comprehensive Skill Development Programme with wide coverage throughout the country has been initiated by the Government. The coordinated Action Plan for Skill Development has a target of 500 million skilled persons by the year 2022, and all the concerned Ministries and Departments have been mandated to undertake skill development programmes accordingly.