

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

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

- (a) the number of educated, uneducated, skilled, unskilled, self-employed and unemployed women at present in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the employment opportunities for women have increased during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and
- (d) the funds allocated, released and utilized for the purpose during the said period, State- wise and year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

a) State wise number of educated, uneducated and total number of women job seekers, all of whom may not necessarily been unemployed, as on 31-12-2006 is given in the statement at Annexure I. Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial Labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation and last such survey was conducted during 2004-05. As per the latest survey, self employed women as on usual status basis was estimated at 90.5 million during 2004-05. State-wise estimated number of self employed women for major states as per usual status basis is given in the statement at Annexure-II. In the latest survey of National Sample Survey Organisation conducted during 2004-05, information was collected about the skill profile of the youth only (15-29 years) as to whether they had or were undergoing any formal training and number of women in the age-group of 15-29 who received/were receiving formal and non-formal vocational training combined together was estimated at 12.6 million in the country during 2004-05.

(b) to (c) Number of women job seekers provided employment through employment exchanges during the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 was 31.3, 46.5 and 51.9 thousand, respectively, showing an increasing trend.

d) One of the monitorable targets for the Eleventh Plan is to ensure that at least 33 percent of the direct and indirect beneficiaries of all Government Scheme's are women and girl children. Some of the important schemes for Employment Generation being implemented in the country are Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) and Support to Training and Employment Programme for women (STEP). State-wise total funds released including for women and expenditure incurred during the last three financial years for NREGS and Margin money disbursed to women under Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) (subsumed into PMEGP during 2008-09), SJSRY and SGSY is given in the statements Annexure-III, IV, V, & VI.