

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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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, semi-skilled, unskilled, self-employed, employed and unemployed women at present in urban and rural areas of the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether the employment opportunities for women in each category referred above have increased during each of the last three years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, year-wise;
- (d) the funds allocated, released and utilized for the purpose during the said period, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to create additional employment opportunities for women and their upliftment?

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 be unemployed, as on 31.12.2007 is given in the statement at Annex-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 on usual status basis were estimated at around 91 million during 2004-05. State-wise estimated number of self employed women for major states on usual status basis is given in the statement at Annex-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. Figures for employment and unemployment for women are not available. However, the rates of employment and unemployment for women in the rural and urban areas are given in annex-III & IV.

(b to c) Number of women job seekers provided employment through employment exchanges during the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 was 46.5, 51.9 and 54.4 thousand, respectively, showing an increased trend.

(d to e) 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 Schemes 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) and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). State-wise total funds released including those for women and expenditure incurred during the last three financial years for MGNREGS and Margin Money disbursed to women under Rural Employment Generation Programmed (REGP) (subsumed into PMEGP during 2008-09), SJSRY and SGSY is given in the statements at Annex-V, VI, VII & VIII.