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UNEMPLOYMENT

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the increasing trend of unemployment in the country;
- (b) the State-wise details of employment growth rate and unemployment rate in public as well as private sectors in the country, particularly in Bihar during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to check unemployment;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether youth have committing suicide on account of unemployment; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Reliable estimates on employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organization. Last such survey (61st round) was conducted during 2004-05. As per the last two survey reports, unemployment rate on Usual Status Basis has marginally increased from 2.2% in 1999-2000 to 2.3% in 2004-05 in the country.

b) According to Employment Market Information Programme of Ministry of Labour & Employment, employment growth in organized sector, public and private sectors combined has increased from 264.58 lakh in 2005 to 275.48 lakh in 2008. State-wise compound annual rate of growth of employment in public and private sector of the organized sector during period the 2005-2008 and state-wise unemployment rate during 2004-05 as per 61st round of National Sample Survey report are given at Annex I & II.

c & d) Eleventh Five Year Plan aims at creating 58 million job opportunities and it is expected that there would be reduction in unemployment rate to 4.83% on current daily status basis towards the end of the Plan period. The focus is on productive employment at a faster pace in order to raise the incomes of masses of the rural population to bring about a general improvement in their living conditions. The job opportunities are likely to be created on account of growth in Gross Domestic Product (GDP), investment in infrastructure development, growth in exports etc. Government of India has also been implementing various employment generation programmes, such as, Swarana Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana(SGSY) and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

e & f) No such incident has been brought to the notice of Ministry of Labour & Employment so far.