

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:479

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

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

- (a) whether as per the Labour Bureau Report, the unemployment rate in the rural areas is higher than the urban areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps for generating employment both in the rural and the urban areas in the country during the last two years and the current year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a to d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 479 BY SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA AND SHRI JAYANT CHAUDHARY REGARDING UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.

(a&b) As per the Report on employment and unemployment survey (2009-10) brought out by Labour Bureau, unemployment rate on usual principal status basis was estimated at 10.1 per cent for rural areas and 7.3 per cent for urban areas during 2009-10. Details of unemployment rates as per Labour Bureau Report are as under:

Sector Unemployment Rates (as % of labour force)

Male Female Person

Rural 8.7 14.8 10.1

Urban 5.9 13.8 7.3

Rural +Urban 8.0 14.6 9.4

(c&d) Eleventh plan aims at creating 58 million additional employment opportunities both in rural and urban areas through normal growth process and by implementing various employment generation schemes, 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) besides entrepreneurial development programmes run by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises. In order to increase employability amongst the youth, a comprehensive Skill Development Programme with wide coverage throughout the country has been initiated by the Government under the Eleventh Five Year Plan. The coordinated Action Plan for Skill Development has a target of 500 million skilled persons by the year 2022, and all concerned Ministries and Departments have been mandated to undertake skill development programmes accordingly. Further, a Mission Mode Project under National e-Governance Plan has also been taken up for modernization of Employment Exchanges. Under the project, a national web portal is proposed to be developed to work like a virtual job market. This will contain all the data regarding availability of skilled persons on the one hand and requirement of skilled persons by the industry on the other. It will thus help youth in getting suitable placement and enable industry to procure required skills on real time basis.