

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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GROWTH RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the annual growth rate of unemployment is more in comparison to the growth rate of gross domestic product in the country during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard and the steps taken thereon;
- (c) the annual growth rate of unemployment during the last three years; and
- (d) the percentage of employed labour class in the country amongst the total number of labourers during the said years?

**Answer**

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

- a) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) and data for Gross Domestic Product are compiled quarterly and annually by Central Statistical Organisation. Last quinquennial labour force survey was conducted during 2004-05. Gross Domestic Product (at factor cost at 2004-05 prices) has increased at a compound growth rate of 6.0 per cent per annum during 1999-2000 to 2004-05 whereas unemployment estimated on usual status basis has grown at the rate of 3.70 per cent during the same period.
- b) Employment elasticity with respect to Gross Domestic Product measured as employment content of growth seems to have improved significantly from 0.15 during 1993-94 – 1999-2000 to 0.49 during 1999-2000-2004-05. In order to make the growth more employment intensive, Eleventh Five Year Plan aims at creating 58 million job opportunities in the country and the additional employment opportunities are likely to be generated in the services and manufacturing sectors, in particular, labour intensive manufacturing sectors such as food processing, leather products, footwear, and textiles, and service sectors such as tourism and construction.
- c) As per the last three rounds of quinquennial labour force surveys, estimated unemployment on usual status basis grew at an average rate of growth of 3.23 per cent and 3.70 per cent during 1993-94 to 1999-2000 and 1999-2000 to 2004-05.
- d) As per the most recent quinquennial labour force survey conducted during 2004-05, wage paid workers amongst total number of workers constituted 43.2 per cent.