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EDUCATED UNEMPLOYED

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

- (a) whether unemployment amongst educated youth is on the rise in the country;
- (b) If so, the details alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether this problems of terrorism,naxalism etc. are the results of educational unemployment;
- (d) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard during the last three years; and
- (e) the success achieved thereunder?

Answer

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

(a & b) Reliable estimates on employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organization. Last such survey was conducted during 2004-05. As per these survey reports, unemployment rate (%) among educated youth (15-29) on usual status basis has witnessed decline from 18.5% In 1993-94 to 14.8% in 1999-2000 and further declined to 13.6% in 2004-05. The decline in unemployment rate may be attributed to their lower labour force participation rate because of increasingly higher participation at higher education.

(c to e) Ministry of Labour & Employment has not come across any such information which establishes nexus between educational unemployment and terrorism, nexalism etc. However, Government of India is fully aware of the magnitude of problem of unemployment among educated youth. Shrinking employment opportunities in the organized sector has; been viewed as a source of frustration for our increasingly educated youth who have rising expectation. In order to address this problem, Eleventh Five Year Plan has projected creation of 58 million job opportunities by attempting to shift employment to non agricultural sector from agricultural sector.