

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CLASSIFICATION OF URBAN/RURAL UNEMPLOYMENT
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has classified the urban and rural unemployment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to provide employment to the unemployed people in the urban and rural areas at their own places; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a&b) Village or town is recognized as the basic area of habitation. In all population censuses throughout the world, the dichotomy of Rural and Urban areas is recognized and data are generally presented for rural and urban areas separately. Data on employment and unemployment collected through labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organization is also presented separately for rural and urban areas. Reliable estimates of urban and rural unemployment obtained through latest quinquennial labour force survey conducted during 2004-05 by National Sample Survey Organization are given below:

Residence status Number unemployed (million)

Rural 5.53

Urban 5.31

Combined 10.84

(c&d) Eleventh Five Year Plan aims at creating 58 million job opportunities in both rural and urban areas through normal growth process and by implementing special employment generation and poverty alleviation programmes, such as, Swarana Jayanti Shahari Rozgar (SJSRY), Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), MGNREGA which provides for employment within five kilometer areas of the village. Implementation of MGNREGA at a large scale has resulted in increased wage rate and decline in distress migration.