

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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EMPLOYMENT TO YOUTH AND UNSKILLED WORKERS

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

- (a) the details regarding the various schemes to provide employment to the unskilled workers in urban areas;
- (b) the actions proposed to be taken to provide employment to the educated youth in urban areas;
- (c) whether job opportunities in Central Government offices and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) have decreased on account of contract system and out-sourcing by the Government; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (b) Government of India is implementing Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) (revamped with effect from April 1, 2009) to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and under employed poor, by encouraging the setting up of self employment ventures by the urban poor and also by providing wage employment and utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. The revamped SJSRY has five components: (a) the Urban Self-Employment Programme (USEP), (b) the Urban Women Self-help Programme (UWSP), (c) Skill Training for Employment Promotion amongst Urban Poor (STEP-UP), (d) the Urban Wage Employment Programme (UWEP) and (e) the Urban Community Development Network (UCDN). The scheme is being implemented on a cost sharing basis between the Centre and States in the ratio of 75:25.

In addition to the above, improved training and skill development has also been considered as a critical part of employment strategy by the Government. The 11th Plan has identified various sectors with prospects for high growth in output and for generation of new employment opportunities.

Government has also been implementing the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), a credit-linked subsidy programme, with Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) as nodal agency, to provide employment opportunities by assisting individual entrepreneurs/self help group, including women, in both rural and urban areas. Financial assistance is provided under PMEGP for various backward and forward linkages such as Entrepreneurship Development Programme, exhibitions to promote markets, organizing awareness camps, etc.

(c) & (d) The decisions regarding contracts and outsourcing of services are taken by individual Ministries/Departments/Undertakings. No data is centrally maintained in this regard.