

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3151

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UTILISATION OF UNEMPLOYED YOUTHS FOR CENSUS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has not utilised the services of unemployed youths registered in employment exchanges for census enumeration/UID work;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is any distinct advantage in deploying Government teachers/employees in such work; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

(a) to (d): No, Madam; the Enumerators and Supervisors are appointed by State Government depending upon the requirement and availability. Majority of enumerators and supervisors engaged in Census Operations are school teachers because they are available at local level in villages and towns. They are highly respected and are acceptable in the community. Moreover, as they are part of the community especially in rural areas people come forward to share their personal information with teachers and Government employees without any fear. Census taking involves each and every home and asking sensitive questions from every individual. Such a responsible job can not be entrusted to anybody without proper verification of antecedents. Further, Census duty is a part-time work for which an honorarium is paid. Appointment of fresh candidates is not prudent for such part-time work of very short duration.