

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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LOW STANDARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 90 per cent of lakhs of graduates passing out every year in India are not employable as per the report titled as 'India Innovation Towards Sustainable and Exclusive Growth'; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): According to a report entitled 'Unleashing India's Innovation-Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Growth', published by the World Bank, about 90 percent of Indian workers are employed in the informal sector, and this sector is often characterized by underemployment, as well as low productivity. The report also mentions that only 10 – 25 percent of general college graduates are suitable for employment but, the report does not state that 90 percent of lakhs of graduates passing out every year in India are not employable.

In order to enhance employability of graduates, Government has introduced career oriented courses in Universities and colleges during the XI Plan (2007-2012) where financial assistance is available to institutions through University Grants Commission. The details of the scheme are available on the Commission's website www.ugc.ac.in.