

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:403  
ANSWERED ON:23.02.2011  
RISING UNEMPLOYMENT RATE  
Nagar Shri Surendra Singh

**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the reduction in productivity is a major cause for rapid increase in unemployment in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES(DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) and (b): There has been a reduction in growth rate of productivity (measured in terms of real GDP per person) since 2007-08. However, as the estimates of employment based on quinquennial surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) are available up to 2004-05 only, no specific inference about the linkage of productivity and increase in unemployment can be drawn.

(c): The steps taken by the Government to increase productivity, inter-alia, includes investment in infrastructure, improving quality of workforce and stabilization of macro economic conditions.