

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:104
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2011
EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Employment Exchanges functioning at present in the country, State and Union Territory-wise;
- (b) whether the registration of the job seekers in employment exchanges has declined during the past few years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to review/re-evaluate the functioning of Employment Exchanges, in view of their unsatisfactory performance in ensuring employment to the registered job seekers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a to e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 104 BY SHRI HARI MANJHI AND SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN REGARDING EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES DUE FOR REPLY ON 8.8.2011.

(a) The number of Employment Exchanges functioning at present in the country, State/Union Territory-wise is given at Annex.

(b) & (c) No, Madam. During 2008, 2009 and 2010, the registrations were 53.16 lakh, 56.94 lakh and 61.83 lakh respectively.

(d) & (e) Employment Exchanges are still relevant as they continue to provide free services to the job seekers, employers, etc. through various functions such as registration, submission of names to employers, career counseling, vocational guidance and collection of labour market information. In order to further improve their effectiveness and performance a Mission Mode Project under National e-Governance Plan of Government of India for modernization of Employment Exchanges is under consideration of the Government. Salient features of this project are:

(i) All Employment Exchanges in the country will be computerized and linked to the national portal.

(ii) A national web portal will be developed which, on the one hand, will have requirement of manpower by employers and availability of skilled persons on the other. It will work as a virtual job market.

(iii) Under the project, the employers and job seekers will be able to register their requirement online from anywhere, anytime.

(iv) The Employment Exchanges will assess the existing competencies of job seekers, provide them quality vocational guidance and employment counseling.