

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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JOBS PACKAGE TO J AND K
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has appointed a committee to formulate a package of jobs in J&K;
- (b) if so, whether the said committee has submitted its report to the Government;
- (c) if so, the main recommendation made by the committee;
- (d) whether the committee has recommended reservation for the State students in schools and higher educational institutions across the country; and
- (e) if so, the other recommendation made for upliftment of youth in J and K for better employment opportunities?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

- (a) Yes, Madam. An Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Dr. C Rangarajan was constituted by Government in August, 2010 to formulate a job plan for the State of Jammu & Kashmir.
- (b) The Expert Group has submitted its report to the Government of India and State Government.
- (c) The report has made recommendations to enhance employment opportunities by boosting identified sectors with large employment generation potential and by human resource development initiative focused on improving skill sets through improving access to education and focused placement oriented training in J & K and other States. The Expert Group has also suggested strategies for development of Agriculture & Animal Husbandry, Horticulture, Tourism, Handicraft, Medium Scale and Micro Enterprises and IT sector to boost employment opportunities in the State.
- (d) & (e) In order to increase the access of youth to educational opportunities, the Expert Group has recommended four initiatives – first, a Special Scholarship Scheme for J&K, second, faculty development programmes, third, a Special initiative by Delhi Public School (DPS) and fourth setting up of regional placement cells by IGNOU in Jammu and Srinagar. The Group has also recommended that in order to engage the youth, one initiative may be to identify 10-20 companies across industry sectors to partner with an educational institution and run special training programmes to enhance employability for 8000 students per annum over a 5 year period. This would translate into 40,000 youth in J&K becoming employable in various sectors across India. The Group has further suggested that the private schools and educational institutions could be persuaded to accommodate children from Jammu & Kashmir. The Group has also suggested (a) to bring together representatives of schools and academic institutions to make a commitment, and (b) persuade the Delhi Public School and 150 odd other schools that carry the name to set aside as many seats as are required to meet such a commitment. The Expert Group has also recommended that 5,000 scholarships per annum may be awarded for the next 5 years. Out of the total, 4500 scholarships (90%) could be for general degree courses, 250 for engineering (5%) and 250 for medical studies (5%). This will benefit 25,000 students. The Expert Group in consultation with the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) has also developed a special placement linked, market driven skill training programme for the J&K youth. The scheme will provide placement-linked, market driven skill training to 50,000 to 1 lakh youth in 3 to 5 years.