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ESTIMATION ON UNEMPLOYMENT

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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has maintained any register to identify unemployed people in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of unemployed persons in rural and urban areas;
- (c) the methodology adopted in estimating unemployment rate in the country;
- (d) whether the Government has plans to decrease the period of survey from one year to six months; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

- (a) The number of job seekers on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges is often taken as an indicator of the level of unemployment in the country.
- (b) The number of job seekers, all of whom may not be necessarily unemployed registered with employment exchanges as on 30-09-2011 was 401.02 lakh in rural and urban areas taken together.
- (c) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office. Last such survey was conducted during 2009-10. Based on the results of these surveys, unemployment rate is estimated on Usual Status Basis and Current Daily Status Basis.
- (d & e) Quinquennial labour force surveys on employment and unemployment are conducted by National Sample Survey Office once in every five years. Labour Bureau under Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India has conducted first annual household survey on employment and unemployment in 300 districts covering 28 States/UT's in the country for the period 2009-10. Second household survey for 2010-11 on employment and unemployment is in progress.