

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:68

ANSWERED ON:19.03.2012

UNEMPLOYMENT

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

- (a) the details of the employment-oriented schemes under implementation by the Government;
- (b) the number of Employment Exchanges functioning in the States, State-wise;
- (c) the number of jobs provided to the registered unemployed persons through employment exchanges during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (d) whether unemployment is on the rise in the country;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the corrective steps taken in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a to f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 68 BY SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN AND SHRI MAHESHWAR HAZARI REGARDING UNEMPLOYMENT DUE FOR REPLY ON 19.3.2012.

(a) The details of the important employment-oriented schemes under implementation by the Government are as follows:

(i) Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), a credit linked subsidy programme being implemented since 2008-09 by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, aims at generating self-employment opportunities through establishment of micro enterprises by organizing traditional artisans and unemployed youth.

(ii) Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) is a holistic self employment scheme which aims at providing sustainable income to rural BPL families through income generating assets/ economic activities so as to bring them out of poverty line. It has been now restructured as National Rural Livelihood Mission.

(iii) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) provides for enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.

(iv) Swarn Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) for urban areas: Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation has been implementing an employment oriented Urban Poverty Alleviation Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), on all India basis, with effect from 1-12-1997. The scheme strives to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed and under employed poor, to help them set up self employment ventures and also through providing wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets. The scheme has been comprehensively revamped during 2009-2010.

(b) The number of Employment Exchanges functioning in the country as on 31.12.2011 State/Union Territory-wise is given at Annex-I.

(c) Placement of 3.05 lakh, 2.62 lakh, 5.10 lakh and 4.70 lakh job seekers was effected through employment exchanges during 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 respectively in the country. State-wise details of placement effected through employment exchanges during 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 are given at Annex-II.

(d & e) 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. As per the two most recent surveys, total estimated number of unemployed persons on usual status basis has declined from 10.84 million in 2004-05 to 9.50 million in 2009-10 and unemployment rate has also come down from 2.3 percent in 2004-2005 to 2.0 percent in 2009-10.

(f) Government has been making continuous efforts by focusing on creation of productive employment at a faster pace in order to raise incomes of masses to bring about a general improvement in their living conditions. The job opportunities are created on account of growth in Gross Domestic Product (GDP), investment in infrastructure development, growth in exports, etc. Government of India has also been implementing various employment generation programmes, such as, Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) besides entrepreneurial development programmes run by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.