

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNEMPLOYMENT IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed or proposes to assess the number of educated and uneducated unemployed persons in Rural areas of the country including the North-Eastern States particularly in Assam;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof particularly in the North-Eastern States state- wise as on date; and
- (c) the measures proposed to be taken by the Government to solve the said problem in a time-bound manner?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) As per latest information available, number of educated and uneducated job seekers combined together residing in rural areas, all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed, registered with employment exchanges of the country including the North-Eastern States as on 31-12-2011 was 228.56 lakh. It was 9.65 lakh in Assam.

(b) State-wise details of educated and uneducated job seekers combined together residing in rural areas in North-Eastern States as on 31-12-2011 are given below:

State Live Register (in thousands)

Arunachal Pradesh 3.2

Assam 965.5

Manipur 480.6

Meghalaya 14.8

Mizoram 6.2

Nagaland 37.2

Sikkim -

Tripura 288.7

Total 1796.2

(c) 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, 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.