

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNEMPLOYMENT IN RURAL AREAS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the number of educated and uneducated unemployed in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to solve the problem of unemployment in rural parts of the country;
- (d) whether the Government is contemplating to appoint officials in rural areas to encourage employment in rural areas; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN `ADITYA`)

(a)&(b): No Sir. The Ministry of Rural Development has not conducted any study to assess the number of educated and uneducated unemployed in the rural areas of the country.

(c): Ministry of Rural Development is implementing major rural development schemes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)/ National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) to address the problem of unemployment in rural area. The MGNREGA provides a legal guarantee for 100 days of employment in a financial year to every rural household whose adult member volunteer to do unskilled manual work.

SGSY is a major self-employment programme implemented since April, 1999. SGSY has been restructured as National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) with a view to implement it in a mission mode for targeted and time bound delivery of results. In addition to self-employment, NRLM also focuses on supporting rural BPL for accessing skilled wage employment through higher allocation for Special Projects, particularly for placement linked skill development projects.

(d)&(e): No Sir.