GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3137 ANSWERED ON:30.08.2012 HIMAYAT SCHEME FOR UNEMPLOYED YOUTH Mandal Shri Mangani Lal

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched 'Himayat' scheme to tackle issue of unemployed youth the country;
- (b) if so, the features of this scheme and details of feedback on success of the scheme in the country;
- (c) whether Government has collected any data for unemployed youth in the country, specially in Bihar State; and,
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the number of unemployed youth in the country, State-Wise?

Answer

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

- (a): Government has launched Skill Empowerment and Employment scheme in Jammu and Kashmir (SEE-J&K) also known as 'Himayat' to train and place unemployed youth of Jammu and Kashmir belonging to poor families.
- (b): The salient features of this scheme are:-
- (i) The scheme will provide placement linked skill training to one lakh J&K youth in next five years. The placement will be in the private sector.
- (ii) The training duration will range from three to nine months. The Project Implementing Agency will provide one year post placement tracking.
- (iii) Training for salaried as well as self employment will be provided. 70% funds will be used to provide salaried employment training and 30% funds for self employment training.
- (iv) Different training strategies will be used for different categories of youth, school dropouts, studied intermediate etc.
- (v) All training centres shall install biometric device for attendance and youth selected for training will be provided a UID card.

The scheme has evoked a positive response from youth of Jammu and Kashmir. So far, a total of 2431 youths have been trained under this scheme so far.

(c): The Government has conducted the second annual employment-unemployment survey in the country for a fixed reference period of Agriculture year 2010-11 i.e. July, 2010 to June, 2011. The estimates of employment-unemployment and its derivatives are derived for the persons of Age 15 years and above only. Based on the usual principal status approach, unemployment rate for the persons of age 15 years and above in the state of Bihar is as follows:

Head Rural Urban Overall Unemployment Rate 8.5% 6.4% 8.3%

(d): Data on unemployed youth in the country is given in Annexure A.