

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

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UNEMPLOYMENT IN NORTH EASTERN STATES
Toppo Shri Joseph

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

- (a) the State-wise number of educated unemployed youth particularly in the North-Eastern (N.E.) States;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to provide gainful employment to the Rural unemployed youth in the country especially the unemployed youth from the N.E. States;
- (c) the age at which an educated unemployed could be granted a loan;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to reduce the interest of such loans in favour of the unemployed persons; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH)

- (a) As per the latest information available, state-wise number of educated job-seekers including youth, all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed, registered with employment exchanges is given at Annex.
- (b) Government of India is providing employment opportunities to rural unemployed youth in the country including those from North-Eastern states through implementation of various employment generation schemes, such as, National Rural Livelihood Mission, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme.
- (c) 18 years is the minimum eligible age to get loan under the schemes, such as, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme(PMEGP).
- (d & e) There is no such proposal under consideration in the Ministry of Labour and Employment.