

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NEW EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering formulation of a new employment guarantee scheme for the unemployed people in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is not satisfied with the existing scheme for dealing with the problem of unemployment;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS & PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

(a) to (e): The Government, at present, is not considering formulation of a new employment guarantee scheme for the unemployed people in the country. The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is already being implemented in the country to deal with the problem of unemployment. The scheme guarantees at least 100 days of wage employment to every poor household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. The scheme is known to have a significant impact on livelihood security of poor households in rural India.