

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:122
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GENERATION OF EMPLOYMENT
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Planning Commission has collected data regarding the unemployed youth in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including the factors which determine the employment outcomes of an economy;
- (c) the details of the schemes undertaken by the Government for generation of employment in the country;
- (d) whether these schemes have not been effective in providing jobs/employment to the unemployed youth and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to formulate a new employment policy and if so, the details thereof including the other effective measures taken/likely to be taken to address the issue?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.122 REGARDING GENERATION OF EMPLOYMENT RAISED BY SHRIMATI MEENA SINGH FOR ANSWER ON 6.3.2013

(a) & (b) The Planning Commission does not collect data on employment and unemployment characteristics of the population including the youth. The employment and unemployment data is collected on quinquennial basis by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO). The State wise unemployment rate as reported in the latest NSSO quinquennial survey 2009-10 is at Annex-1. Broadly, the employment outcome is determined by the growth of the economy and more particularly by the growth of labour intensive sectors.

(c) to (e) Government of India is implementing a number of wage/self-employment generation programmes such as

- (i) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)
- (ii) National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) [formerly Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)]
- (iii) Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY)
- (iv) Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP).

The physical and financial progress under each of the above schemes is at Annex-II.

The Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17) aims at creating 50 million non-farm work opportunities during the plan period. The Plan has identified certain labour intensive manufacturing sectors like Textile and Garments, Leather & Footwear, Gems & Jewellery, Handloom & Handicrafts and Food Processing Industries for generating substantial employment. The Plan has also identified the need for simplifying the regulatory framework and ensuring labour market flexibility without compromising fairness to labour. It focuses on skilling those entering the labour force to enhance the employability of the youth. These measures are expected to have a positive impact on employment generation in the medium term.