

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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UNEMPLOYMENT

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

- (a) the details and status of unemployment/ joblessness in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, including Rajasthan;
- (b) the rate of growth of employment and unemployment in the public as well as private sectors during the said period, State-wise, with special reference to Punjab;
- (c) whether unemployment is less among the illiterate than graduates;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (e) whether the absence of employment opportunities is likely to lead such unemployed youths to naxal or such other subversive activities due to being misguided; and
- (f) the steps/measures taken by the Government to improve the employment growth rate to check the rise in unemployment in the country particularly among the youths and the reserved categories including the State of Rajasthan?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office. Last such survey was conducted during 2009-10. As per result of the last three surveys, the number of unemployed persons estimated on usual status basis was 90 lakh in 1999-2000, 108 lakh in 2004-05 and 95 lakh in 2009-10 in the country including Rajasthan. As per information collected under Employment Market Information Programme of Ministry of Labour & Employment, compound annual growth rate in the organized sector including public and private sectors in the country during 2008 to 2011 is given below:

(in percent)

Period	Public sector	Private sector	Total
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2008 to 2011	-0.24	5.06	1.72
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State-wise details of growth rate of employment and unemployment including Punjab are given at Annex-I and Annex-II respectively.

(c) Unemployment rate estimated on usual status basis during 2009-10 among the illiterate was 0.4 percent as compared to 6.8 percent among the graduates in the country.

(d) to (f) Government of India is fully aware of higher magnitude of unemployment among the educated youth which may lead to frustration among them and therefore, Government is committed to provide them employment through normal growth process and implementing various employment generation schemes such as Swarana Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) for reducing unemployment among different groups including the reserved categories besides entrepreneurial development programmes run by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises including Rajasthan.