

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:389

ANSWERED ON:22.04.2013

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

- (a) the total number of registered unemployed persons in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) whether employment opportunities have not increased in the country in the recent years;
- (c) if so, the details of targets fixed and achieved for employment generation during the 11th Five Year Plan, year and sector wise;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to chalk out employment-oriented schemes particularly for the youths, both educated and uneducated in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether there is any proposal to set up employment exchanges exclusively for women and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a to e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 389 BY SHRIMATI MEENA SINGH AND SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA REGARDING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES DUE FOR REPLY ON 22.4.2013.

(a) As per the latest information available with Directorate General of Employment & Training, Ministry of Labour & Employment, total number of jobseekers, all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed, registered with employment exchanges in the country as on 31st January 2013 was 4.47 crore. State-wise details are at Annex-I.

(b) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office, Ministry of Statistics and programme Implementation. The last such survey was conducted during 2009-10. As per the results of the two most recent surveys conducted during 2004-05 and 2009-10, employment estimated on current daily status basis has increased by 20.02 million from 384.91 million in 2004-05 to 404.93 million in 2009-10.

(c) Details of targets fixed and achieved for employment generation during 11th Five Year Plan on current daily status basis is at Annex-II.

(d) Government of India has been making continuous efforts through normal growth process and by implementing various employment generation schemes in order to create additional job opportunities for both educated and uneducated youth in the country. Some of the important initiatives are, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) besides entrepreneurial development programmes run by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.

(e) Employment exchanges of the country are functioning under the administrative and financial control of respective State Governments/Union Territories Administrations, and, therefore, jurisdiction of opening and closing of employment exchanges as per their functional requirements rests with them. However, there is no proposal under consideration of the Central Government to open employment exchanges exclusively for women. All the employment exchanges are proposed to be modernized under a mission mode e-Governance plan of the Central Government with a national web portal, which will serve the needs of men and women equally.