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EDUCATION FOR BACKWARD GROUPS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether lower education level among the backward groups has led to lower employment in the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the low level of education among the backward classes;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to provide education particularly to such disadvantaged groups; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) As per the surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office, the details of the unemployment rate by social group and the mean year of schooling by social groups is given in the table at Annex-A.
- (b) The major reasons for discontinuation/ dropping out of school by social groups is given in the table at Annex-B.
- (c) & (d) The Government enacted the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 which came into force from 1st April, 2010. The Act mandates free and compulsory education to all children from the age of six to fourteen years till the completion of their elementary education. The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme has also been aligned with provisions of RTE Act. The SSA supports provisions of school infrastructure, additional teachers, free textbooks, free uniforms etc. The Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) was launched in March, 2009 to enhance access to secondary education and improve its quality. The RMSA supports States/UTs in providing physical infrastructure, including buildings, toilets, drinking water facilities, libraries, laboratories etc. as well as providing teacher posts.