

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

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UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

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

- (a) the total number of registered unemployed persons both in rural and urban areas 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 STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH)

- (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 labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The last such survey was conducted during 2011-12. As per the results of the three most recent surveys employment estimated on usual status has increased from 384.9 million in 2004-05 to 404.9 million in 2009-10 and further 416.0 million persons in 2011-12.
- (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 function under the administrative and financial control of respective State Governments/Union Territories Administrations and cater to all citizens including women.