

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

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

- (a) whether the employment seeking persons may not be able to get employment during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period despite achieving seven to eight per cent annual growth rate in the country;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the number of unemployed persons likely to be added during the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a) The projected increase in the labour force during the Eleventh Plan period is estimated at 45 million against which 58 million work opportunities are targeted to be created.
- (b) The Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) provides broad vision which includes the ability to sustain a labour intensive growth process which depends crucially upon the expansion of skill capabilities in the labour force. In order to achieve this objective, National Skill Development Mission was approved by the Government in 2008. This was followed by the approval of National Policy on Skill Development by the Government in February, 2009. These decisions reflect a paradigm shift to increase the skill capabilities of the labour force in order to make them employable and help them secure decent work.
- (c) For the Eleventh Five Year Plan period, unemployment rate is targeted to be brought down to 4.83%. The number of unemployed by the end of the Eleventh Five Year Plan is targeted to be brought down from 36.71 million in the beginning of the Eleventh Plan to 23.35 million by the end of the Eleventh Five Year Plan.