

**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) whether the growth rate of unemployment of skilled and unskilled persons including women, both of rural and urban areas has increased recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to address this phenomenon?

**Answer**

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

(a) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation. Last such survey was conducted during 2004-05. As per the results of these surveys, unemployment rate on current daily status basis amongst skilled and unskilled persons including women, both of rural and urban areas has increased in the country from 7.3 percent in 1999-2000 to 8.3 percent in 2004-05.

(b) State-wise details of unemployment rates both for males and females in rural and urban areas separately during 1999-2000 and 2004-05 are as per Statement Annexed.

(c) Eleventh Five Year Plan aims at creating 58 million job opportunities and it is expected that there would be reduction in unemployment rate to 4.83% on current daily status towards the end of the Plan period. Government have taken several steps to reduce unemployment rate. The focus is on productive employment at a faster pace in order to raise the incomes of masses of the rural population to bring about a general improvement in their living conditions. The job opportunities are likely to be created on account of growth in Gross Domestic Product (GDP), investment in infrastructure development, growth in exports, etc. Government of India has also been implementing various employment generation programmes, such as, Swarana Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana(SGSY) and National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS).