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EMPLOYMENT IN RURAL AREAS

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that unemployment rate among the educated and uneducated rural youth is higher compared to their urban counterparts;
- (b) if so, the detailed percentage of people engaged in employment both in the rural and urban areas during each of the last three years and the current year State/UT-wise including Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand;
- (c) whether any measures are being contemplated by the Government to address the high rate of unemployment among the skilled/unskilled/educated/ uneducated rural youths in the country;
- (d) if so, the number of such rural youths provided employment through the said measures during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) the other measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase employment opportunities in rural areas of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): Estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey (NSS) Office, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation. The details of unemployment rate in (%) among the educated and uneducated rural youth as compared to their urban counterparts is at Annex-I.

(b): The rural-urban employment details are at Annex-II.

(c) to (e): To address the unemployment issues among uneducated youths in the country, Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Rural Development is implementing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA) so as to enhance the livelihood security of the rural households by providing upto 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in a year to every household on demand for doing unskilled manual work. The objective of MGNREGA is to supplement the income of a rural household and it is not intended to be the sole means of earning livelihood for the rural population. The workers are free to avail any other employment opportunity available to them.

Ministry of Rural Development has also undertaken a placement linked skill development scheme, called Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushlya Yojana (DDU-GKY) for rural poor youth which primarily targets skilling of unemployed youth to improve their employability.

In order to improve the employability of youth, various Ministries run skill development schemes across many sectors. According to the latest data compiled by National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), about 76.37 lakh persons were given skill development training in the year 2013-14 under these schemes.

The details of employment provided to the rural youths are at Annex-III & IV.