

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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UNEMPLOYMENT IN NER  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether unemployment has been identified as the major problem in North-Eastern Region (NER) of the country;
- (b) if so, the details regarding the number of educated, uneducated, skilled, unskilled and technically trained unemployed youths in this region, State-wise;
- (c) whether any schemes have been formulated, target fixed and funds allocated for skill development and generation of employment opportunities in the region; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a): Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey (NSS) Office, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation. According to the Key indicators of Employment and Unemployment Surveys 2009-10 and 2011-12, the Unemployment rates according to usual status (ps) and usual status (adjusted) for North-Eastern Region of the Country are as under:

S1. Name of Unemployment Rate in  
(%) (15-59) Years  
No. States 2009-10 2011-12

1. Arunachal Pradesh	0.8	2.1
2 Assam	2.4	4.7
3 Manipur	2.4	3.6
4 Meghalaya	0.7	0.7
5 Mizoram	1.4	3.1
6 Nagaland	6.2	17.8
7 Sikkim	2.7	1.1
8 Tripura	6.7	12.8
All India (15-59) Years	1.4	2.3
All India (all ages)	2.0	2.2

(b): Available details of State-wise number of jobseekers maintained on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges for North-Eastern Region for 2012 is at Annex.

(c) & (d): Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, is implementing Capacity Building & Training Assistance (CB&TA) Scheme to impart skill for unemployed youth of North Eastern State for employability within and outside the region with qualifications ranging from 10th pass to graduates and also to promote self employment and entrepreneurship amongst the unemployed youth of North Eastern Region (NER). Most of the trainings are imparted through Government agencies in sectors like Hospitality & Tourism, Tool Rooms, Fashion Technology, Construction etc. Budget allocation under CB&TA scheme is RS 20crore. Target for 2014- 15 is to train 4000 youths from NER.

A scheme titled "Enhancing Skill Development Infrastructure in North-Eastern States and Sikkim" is being implemented by

Directorate General of Employment & Training (DGE&T), Ministry of Labour & Employment for skill development in North-Eastern Region. The targets and fund allocated under the scheme are as follows:

- a. Upgradation of 20 ITIs by introducing three new trades per ITI at a total cost of Rs. 42.44 crore with 100% Central share;
- b. Supplementing infrastructure deficiencies in 28 ITIs by constructing new hostel, boundary wall and supplementing old and obsolete tools and equipment at a total cost of Rs. 39.60 crore with 100% Central share;
- c. Funding Monitoring Cells at Central & State Level at a total cost of Rs. 7.09 crore with 100% Central share; and
- d. Establishment of 22 New ITIs in 7 States at a total cost of Rs. 209 crore with 90% Central and 10% State share.

Ministry of Labour & Employment has also operationalised Skill Development Initiative (SDI) Scheme with an objective to provide training and employment to school leavers, existing workers especially in informal sector to improve their employability. Training under the SDI scheme is provided by various Vocational Training Providers (VTPs) under Central Government, State Governments, Public and Private sector industrial establishments. The achievements made under SDI scheme are as (since inception):

# Total 565 course modules covering 68 sectors of economy are operational.

# 10072 VTPs have been registered across the country.

# 116 organizations have been empanelled as assessing Bodies for conducting assessment.

# 34.65 lakh persons have been trained/ tested across the country (since inception).

The funds released under this scheme for the North East for the financial year 2014-15 (as on 09.03.2015 ) is Rs. 29.10 crores and number of persons trained for the same period is 70,938.