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EMPLOYMENT FOR UNSKILLED POPULACE

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

- (a) the number of unemployed youths in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether unemployment rate is higher in rural areas than in urban areas in the country and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to ensure ample employment opportunities for the youths including the poor and unskilled populace in rural areas and if so, the details thereof and the funds earmarked for this purpose; and
- (d) whether the Government has sought private public partnership initiatives to reduce rural youth unemployment and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): As per results of labour force survey on employment and unemployment conducted during 2011-12 by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the number of estimated unemployed youth in the age group of 15-29 on usual status basis was 0.84 crore in 2011-12. Details of youth unemployment rates during 2011-12 are at Annex.

(b): As per results of the two most recent surveys, details of unemployment rates on usual status basis in rural and urban areas are given below:

Unemployment Rate (%)  
2009-10 2011-12

Rural	1.6	1.7
Urban	3.4	3.4
Rural+Urban	2.0	2.2

(c): To address the unemployment issue being faced by youths, the Government runs various public employment generation schemes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), and Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP). In addition, the government is promoting labour-intensive manufacturing and increasing employment opportunities by promoting tourism and agro-based industries. The 12th Five Year Plan projects 5 crore new work opportunities to be generated in the non-farm sector and skill certification to equivalent numbers. National Skill Development Agency has been set up to coordinate action among Central Ministries and around 75 lakh persons have been skilled in 2013-14 to enhance their employability. The Apprentices Act, 1961 has been amended to provide more opportunities for youth and to engage more number of apprentices by industry.

(d): The scheme of upgradation of 1396 Govt. Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) through Public Private Partnership" was launched in 2007-08 with a total outlay of Rs. 3,550 Crore to improve the employability of youth. Out of 1227 ITIs covered under the scheme, 349 ITIs belong to rural areas for which Rs.872.50 Crore have been released under the scheme.