

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG SCS OBCS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme/programme is under implementation providing gainful employment to the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of funds made available and utilised under the schemes/programmes during each of the last two years and the current year, scheme-wise;
- (c) whether the rate of employment among the Scheduled Castes is abysmally low as compared to the general population;
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the reasons for the same and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the remedial steps taken by the Government to reduce unemployment among the SCs and OBCs?

Answer

MINISTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 387 for 5.8.2014 by Shri Rattan Lal Kataria, MP regarding Unemployment among SCs/OBCs

(a) & (b) National Scheduled Castes Finance Development Corporation (NSFDC) and National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) are organising, inter-alia, skill development programmes to enable the eligible beneficiaries from scheduled Castes (SCs) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) respectively, to have gainful employment. Details of funds released by the Corporations to the implementing agencies and utilization certificates (UCs) received during the last two years including the current year, for this purpose, are as follows:

		(Rs. in lakhs)					
Sl. No.	Scheme	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15			
		(As on 30.06.14)					
		Released UCs received	Released UCs received	Released UCs received			
Scheduled Castes							
1	Skill Development Programme implemented by NSFDC	370.89	206.52	681.40	98.90	268.06	6.69
Other Backward Classes							
2	Skill Development Programme implemented by NBCFDC	0.00	0.00	200.00	160.00	392.00	0.00

(c) & (d) As informed by National Sample Survey (NSS) Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, according to NSS Report No. 543: Employment and unemployment situation among social groups in India, 66th NSS round (2009-10), the number of persons employed per one thousand persons {Worker Population Ratio (WPR)} among Scheduled Castes and Others (Non-Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Other Backward Classes), is as follows:

		Rural		Urban					
		SCs	Others	SCs	Others				
Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female		
548	269	552	199	550	178	542	113		

As per above report, WPR of SC persons employed are on the higher side except in case of SC males, whose WPR is marginally lower in rural areas in comparison to others.

(e) The Government has taken, inter-alia, various initiatives to reduce unemployment among SCs and OBCs as follows:

(i) Reservation in Government/PSU/Other Institutional jobs.

(ii) Various Vocational Training Programmes for SCs and OBCs.

(iii) Schemes under Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan:

(a) 10% of funds under Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan are utilized for skill Development.

(b) Skill Development initiatives of the Ministry of Labour & Employment.

(iv) Various credit based soft loan Schemes of NSFDC and NBCFDC.