

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:373  
ANSWERED ON:04.08.2014  
UNEMPLOYED YOUTHS  
Kumar Shri Ashwini

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

- (a) the estimated number and percentage of unemployed youths in the age group of 15 to 24 in urban and rural areas of the country;
- (b) whether a large number of youths remain unemployable in non-farm sector due to lack of skill and training;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the step taken to educate and train youths to meet the demand of the industry?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 373 BY SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR REGARDING UNEMPLOYED YOUTHS DUE FOR REPLY ON 04.08.2014.

(a) As per results of the recent labour force survey on employment and unemployment conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, total estimated number of unemployed youth in the age group of 15-24 and total unemployed persons in the country on usual status basis during 2011-12 in rural and urban areas are given below:

	Estimated unemployed (all ages) in crore persons	Estimated unemployed Youth (15-24yrs) in crore persons	Percentage of youth to total unemployed persons
Rural	0.62	0.42	66.8
Urban	0.44	0.26	59.9
Total	1.06	0.68	63.9

(b) to (d) 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 in this context and around 75 lakh persons have been skilled during 2013-14. It has also been decided to use at least 10% of Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA-SCP), Multisectoral Development Programme funds and 5% of Boarder Area Development funds for skill development and enhancing employability of youth. To improve exchange of employment related information in the labour market, the Government has also decided to convert Employment Exchanges into Career Centres in collaboration with the State Governments for providing counseling services to students and job-seekers along with other employment related assistance. The Government is also reviewing apprenticeship scheme to enlarge participation of small and medium industries so as to enhance employability in the country.