

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG SCS STS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment on unemployment among Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes youths;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the new programmes being implemented by Government to generate employment opportunities for youth of these categories?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL, MINES AND LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI VISHNU DEO SAI)

(a & b): National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) conducts survey on employment and unemployment in the country. As per the results of the survey reports on Employment and Unemployment Situation among Social Groups in India, number of unemployed youth in the age group of 15-29 years among SCs and STs was estimated at 1.68 crore and 0.71 crore, respectively during 2009-10.

(c): Government of India has been making continuous efforts through normal growth process and by implementing various employment generation schemes in order to create additional job opportunities for persons including youth of SC/ST in the country. Some of the important ones are, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) besides entrepreneurial development programmes run by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises. Recognizing the need to skill large number of people to make them employable, the Government set a target of skilling 5 crore persons during 12th Plan period. National Skill Development Agency has been set up to coordinate action among Central Ministries in this context.