

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

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SOCIAL SECURITY FOR UNEMPLOYED  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of unemployed persons both in the rural and urban areas in the country at present, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to extend social security benefits to all these unemployed persons including those persons who could not be provided employment within a specific period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) Estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey (NSS) Office, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation. As per the latest survey results of 2011-12, the estimated number of employed and unemployed persons are as follows:

(in crores)

	Employed	Unemployed
Rural	33.7	0.62
Urban	13.7	0.44
Total	47.4	1.06

The State/UT-wise unemployment rates are annexed.

(b) to (d): There is no proposal to extend social security benefit under the Unorganised Workers Social Security Act, 2008 to unemployed persons as they do not come within the eligibility criteria as defined in the Act.