

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNEMPLOYED WOMEN

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

- (a) the number of educated, uneducated, skilled, semi-skilled, unskilled, self-employed, employed and unemployed women at present in urban and rural areas of the country, State- wise including Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh;
- (b) whether the employment opportunities for women in each of the said categories have increased during the last three years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the funds allocated, released and utilised for the purpose during each of the last three years, State-wise; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government for upliftment of women by creating additional employment opportunities for them?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office(NSSO). The last such survey was conducted during 2011-12. As per the survey result, the number of women worker was 12.9 crore during 2011-12 and the percentage distribution of female worker by different categories of education level on usual status basis during 2011-12 are given in the following table:

(in percent)

Level of general education	Rural	Urban
Not literate	57.0	27.1
Literate & upto primary	21.8	19.0
Middle	10.0	11.6
Secondary	5.7	8.7
Higher secondary	2.5	7.2
Diploma/certificate	0.6	2.5
Graduate & above	2.4	23.9

As per the NSSO survey results for 2009-10 and 2011-12, the percentage distribution of woman who are employed by various categories are given below:

(in percent)

Year	Self employed	Regular wage	Casual labour
2009-10	53.3	10.1	36.6
2011-12	56.1	12.7	31.2

This shows a rise in the percentage of women in self-employed and regular wage employed.

The State-wise details of self-employed, employed and unemployment rate of women in urban and rural areas of the country is given at Annex.

(d) & (e): In order to enhance the Labour Force Participation Rate among women, Ministry of Labour & Employment is providing training to women through Industrial Training Institutes, National Vocational Training Institutes and Regional Vocational Training Institutes for making them more employable. The National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) has also enhanced the percentage of reservation for women from 25 % to 30%. A large number of women are being trained in modular employable skills under Skill Development Initiatives scheme. Government of India has also been implementing various employment generation programmes, such as Swarana Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) besides entrepreneurial development programmes run by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprise. The expenditure for PMEGP for the last 3 year was Rs. 1010.23 crore, 1228.44 crore and 988.36 crore during 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 respectively.