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UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted or propose to conduct an assessment of the number of educated and uneducated unemployed persons in the rural areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise at present; and
- (c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to solve the said problem in a time-bound manner?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey (NSS) Office, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation. The details of unemployment rate in (%) among the educated and uneducated rural youth is at Annex-I.

(b): The State/UT-wise rural unemployment rate in (%) during 2011-12 are at Annex-II.

(c): To address the unemployment issues in the country, Ministry of Rural Development, Department of Rural Development is implementing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) so as to enhance the livelihood security of the rural households by providing upto 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in a year to every household on demand for doing unskilled manual work. The objective of MGNREGS is to supplement the income of a rural household and it is not intended to be the sole means of earning livelihood for the rural population. The workers are free to avail any other employment opportunity available to them.

Ministry of Rural Development has also undertaken a placement linked skill development scheme, called Pt. DeenDayalUpadhyayaGrameenKaushlyaYojana (DDU-GKY) for rural poor youth which primarily targets skilling of unemployed youth to improve their employability.

Government is also promoting labour intensive manufacturing and increasing employment opportunities by promoting tourism and agro-based industries.

In order to improve the employability of youth, around 20 Ministries also run skill development schemes across 70 sectors. According to the latest data compiled by National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), about 76.37 lakh persons were given skill development training in the year 2013-14 under these schemes.