

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:102

ANSWERED ON:01.12.2014

UNEMPLOYMENT

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

- (a) the details of unemployed persons including the number of educated and uneducated unemployed youths registered with the Employment Exchanges in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of schemes formulated to create additional job opportunities for educated and uneducated youths in the country along with the targets set/achieved during the 11th and 12th Five Year Plans;
- (c) whether the educated youths of the country are compelled to work in low paid jobs as compared to their skill capacity, if so, the reasons therefor and the plans of the Government to absorb them in the organized workforce of the country;
- (d) whether the Government also proposes to foster entry of SC/ST youths working in low paid jobs into higher education and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the concrete measures taken/being taken by the Government to create more job opportunities across various sectors of the economy including the measures to provide vocational training to marginal workers to enhance their skill?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 102 BY SHRI RAJESH RANJAN AND SHRI KIRTI AZAD REGARDING UNEMPLOYMENT DUE FOR REPLY ON 01.12.2014.

(a): As per information available from the states, total number of both educated and uneducated jobseekers, all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed, registered with employment exchanges in the country as on 31st December, 2012 was around 4.48 crore, of which 2.86 crore was youth job seekers in the age group of 15-29 years. State-wise details for the last three years are at Annex.

(b) to (e): As against the target of creation of about 5.8 crore employment opportunities on current daily status basis during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, about 3.29 crore job opportunities were created during 2004-05 to 2011-12 as per results of surveys conducted during 2004-05 and 2011-12 by the National Sample Survey, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. During Twelfth Five Year Plan 5 crore non-farm employment opportunities are proposed to be created with focus on more productive and quality (organized and self-employed) employment in the manufacturing and services sector. To address the unemployment issues including that of educated youth, the Government runs various public employment generation schemes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), and Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP). In addition, the government is promoting labour-intensive manufacturing and increasing employment opportunities by promoting tourism and agro-based industries. Government has created a separate Department of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship for making broad policies for all other Ministries/Departments with regard to market requirements and skill development and co-ordination with all concerned for evolving an appropriate skill development framework, removal of disconnect between the demand for and supply of skilled man power through vocational and technical training, skill up-gradation & building of new skills. Government of India has set target of skilling 5 crore persons in the 12th Plan. Ministry of Labour and Employment is also imparting vocational training under Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS), Apprenticeship Training Scheme (ATS) and skill development through modular courses under Skill Development Initiative Schemes. For enhancing employability of youth it has also been decided to use at least 10% of Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA-TSP), Special Central Assistance to Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan (SCA-SCP), Multi-sectoral Development Programme funds and 5% of Border Area Development Programme funds for skill development.