

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

- (a) the estimated number of people who are between the age group from 15 to 60 years who are unemployed;
- (b) whether the Government has made any assessment of the number of people in terms of percentage of the full-time employed, part-time employed and unemployed people separately;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, category-wise; and
- (d) the steps initiated by the Government to enhance the capacity of the unemployed to earn a livelihood from labour intensive efforts technology?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(c): Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. As per the most recent survey conducted during 2011-12, unemployment rate as per usual status was estimated at 2.3 per cent for the persons in the age group of 15-59 years as against 2.2 per cent for persons of all ages. Details of labour force, employed and unemployed during 2011-12 in the country are given below:

Category	Estimated number in Crore
Labour force	48.47
Employed	47.41
Unemployed	1.06

(d):Twelfth Five Year Plan has projected to create 5 crore non-farm employment opportunities with focus on more productive and quality employment in the manufacturing and services sector in the country. In order to address the problem of unemployment the Government runs various public employment generation schemes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), SwarnaJayanti ShahriRozgarYojana (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 employ- ment opportunities by promoting tourism and agro-based industries.