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Title: Need to take concrete measures to solve the problem of increasing unemployment in State of Assam.

SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL (DIBRUGARH): Sir, the ever-growing unemployment problem in India is a serious national problem. The Central Government, in consultation with the State Governments, must find out some ways and means to solve the problem. The State of Assam with its 18 lakhs of educated unemployed youth is also passing through a very difficult time. It is known to everybody that the State is suffering from insurgency problem. It is also reported that a sizeable number of educated unemployed youth, due to poverty and lack of jobs have been gradually losing their faith in the democratic system. So, some urgent measures must be taken to keep up the spirit of nationalism in the minds of the youth of Assam and the North-East. I request the hon. Prime Minister to take the following measures for solving the problem of educated unemployed youth of Assam and the North-East:

- To ensure 100 per cent job reservation in Grade C and D posts to the local unemployed youth who are born and brought up in Assam irrespective of caste, creed and religion in all the Central Government establishments including the Railways.
- To give a special package with strong financial assistance to drive employment generation in the region.
- To immediately fill up the posts lying vacant due to backlog.
- The local natural resources available in the State should be processed within the State of Assam to create more and more job opportunities to the youth.
- The finished products of Assam and the North-East in agriculture and handloom sector should be provided the national and international market for the producers.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: No running commentary, please.

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