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Title: Need to take steps to create more employment opportunities in the country.

DR. RATNA DE (HOOGHLY): Unemployment in our country is growing at an alarming pace. In spite of the claims of the Government, joblessness is there for everyone to see. The unemployment survey undertaken by the National Sample Survey Organization has painted a bleak picture. Though welfare programmes of the UPA Government, like the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme has helped to provide employment, figures show that only 24.8% of working age and rural female joined the labour force in 2012.

The survey shows that employment in manufacturing sector has dropped. We are not so much concerned about new jobs being created in manufacturing sector alone, we are more concerned about creation of more and more job opportunities in every sector. Every year India is adding more and more unemployed in the country. I strongly urge the Government to take innovative steps to create more employment opportunities in the months ahead.