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Title: Need to bring a comprehensive strategy to create more jobs in labour intensive sectors in the country.

SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA (BALASORE): Thank you Speaker Madam for giving me an opportunity to raise an issue concerning mostly the youth in the country. Madam, about 1 million Indians reach the employment age every month in our country. Against this requirement the best job creation that has happened in our country in the recent past has been 2009 when 12.5 lakh new jobs were created; in 2010, 8.6 lakh and in 2011, 9.3 lakh jobs were created. This is the data released by the Labour Bureau for eight most critical labour intensive sector in the country.

When the present Government came to power, among various promises, one of the biggest promises to the youth of the country was to create new jobs, new entrepreneurship. Against this promise, in 2014, 4.9 lakh jobs were created which is less than half of what was happening six years back. To make the situation worse, in 2015, only 1.3 lakh new jobs were created which is hardly 10 per cent of the jobs created about six years back. To make it more worst, in the last quarter of 2015, 20,000 jobs were lost in our country. This is the ground reality.

The Government came to power to create jobs and not to lose them. It is time for all the concerned in the Government to take cognizance of this serious fact because this is the ground reality. I urge upon the Government to come out with a National Employment Policy and a well-defined roadmap to create at least one million new jobs per month in the country.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Bhairon Prasad Mishra is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Rabindra Kumar Jena.