

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

New Employment Oriented Scheme

† 544. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no solution has been found for the problem of unemployment despite efforts by Government;

(b) if so, whether keeping in view this fact Government are contemplating to formulate any new employment oriented scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE) : (a) National
Sample Surveys show that unemployment reduced from 2.62 per cent of
labour force in 1987-88 to 1.90 per cent in 1993-94, and further to 1.81 per
cent in 1997.

(b) and (c) A number of schemes to increase work opportunities for low
income groups and weaker sections exist. Some of these have been
restructured recently. A new scheme called Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya
Yojana (PMGY) is being introduced from the current year which will create
new opportunities for employment.

Fishermen Detained in Pak Jails

† 545. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN : Will the
Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fishermen of Indian origin who have been detained in
jails after being caught by the Pakistani coastal guards during the last three
years, year-wise;

(b) the number of fishermen who have so far been brought back
through negotiations or other measures by Government;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.