

**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;

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.