(in lakh)

Year	Registered Job Seekers	Placement effected
2004	53.73	1.33
2005	54.37	1.73
2006	72.90	1.77
2007	54.34	2.64
2008	53.16	3.05
2009	56.94	2.62
Annual Average	57 . 57	2.19

Upgradation and modernization of Employment Exchanges has been taken up as one of the Mission Mode Projects under National e-Governance Plan of Government of India. Under the project, a national web portal will be developed which will help youth get placed and enable industry to procure required skills on real time basis.

Comprehensive Skill Development Programme

- 272. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:
- (a) to what extent the Comprehensive Skill Development Programme is helping the skilled or technical persons in getting livelihood;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has targetted to help 500 million skilled persons by 2022; and
 - (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) Skills and knowledge are the driving forces of economic growth and social development for any country. The comprehensive Skill Development Programmes is addressing the needs of huge population by providing skills in order to make them employable and help them secure decent work. It also promotes life-long learning maintaining quality and relevance according to the changing requirement of economy.

(b) and (c) Yes. Government has approved National Policy on Skill Development, a guiding document for Skill Development Programmes in the country. The policy has set a target of skilling 500 million persons by the year 2022. Training target for all Ministries/Departments for sectors under their control, have also been indicated in policy document.

Skill development for school dropout and existing workers

†273. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has developed any strategic plan of skill development for school dropout and existing workers;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
 - (c) whether skill development initiative was implemented from May 2007; and
- (d) if so, the main features of it including the details of targets set and success achieved State-wise and year-wise, since its inception?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) Yes, The Ministry of labour & Employment has undertaken the development of a new strategic framework for skill development for early school leavers and existing workers, especially working in unorgainsed sector. Skill Development Initiative (SDI) Scheme has been launched to provide vocational training on employable modules in the registered Vocational Training Providers (VTPs) to the school dropouts. After the completion of the training, the skill of the candidates is assessed by the registered Assessing Bodies. Successful candidates are provided with the NCVT certificate. The training cost as well as the assessing fee is reimbursed for the successful candidates. The skill of the existing worker is also certified under the scheme on the basis of the employable modules.

- (c) Yes.
- (d) Main features of the scheme are:
- (i) Short term training courses based on Modular Employable Skills (MES) identified and decided in consultation with Industry for gainful employment or self employment in the world of work.

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.