

Increase in urban unemployment

2287. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:

SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the serious problem of increasing urban unemployment in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to solve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE): (a) and (b) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation. Last such survey was conducted during 2004-05. As per results of last two surveys, urban unemployment estimated on usual status has increased from 4.66 million in 1999-2000 to 5.31 million in 2004-05 and Government is fully aware of this increasing trend.

(c) Eleventh Five Year Plan aims at creating 58 million additional job opportunities through normal growth process and by implementing various employment generation schemes such as, Swarana Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) besides entrepreneurial development programmes run by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. Implementation of these schemes is expected to enable the economy to reduce unemployment rate to 4.83% towards the end of the Eleventh Plan period.

Unemployed SCs/STs Graduates/Post-Graduates

2288. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of unemployed graduates and post-graduates belonging to SCs/STs on the live register of the employment register of the country;
- (b) the number of persons likely to be provided with employment during the next three years; and

(c) the details of the actions proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE): (a) Number of graduate and post graduate job seekers belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed, on the Live Register of employment exchanges in the country as on 31-12-2008 are given below:

Number of jobseekers as on 31-12-2008

(In lakh)

Level of Education	Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribes
Graduate	7.05	2.32
Post Graduate	2.07	0.38
Total*	9.11	2.70

* Total may not tally due to rounding off.

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Workers registered under Social Security Act in Maharashtra

†2289. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is registering workers employed in unorganized sector in Maharashtra under Unorganized Sector Workers Social Security Act, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of unorganized workers registered by Government in the State under this Act so far; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.