

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH) : (a) As per Annual Account of the Organisation for the year 2011-12, Rs. 22,636.57 crores were lying in Inoperative Accounts of Employees' Provident Fund.

(b) The reasons for such huge amount inoperative accounts are:

- (i) The members after switching over from one covered establishment to another do not get the funds transferred to their present account. As a result, the old account becomes inoperative after 36 months.
- (ii) The interest earned on the deposits with EPFO is exempted from Income Tax. So there exists a tendency of leaving the balance amount with EPFO.
- (iii) Such deposits are safe investments and cannot be attached even by a decree of any Court.

(c) The following steps have been taken to transfer funds to the new accounts or returns money to the account holders:

- (i) For creating awareness amongst the PF members, publicity drives through electronic as well as print media have been made from time to time to educate the members.
- (ii) Online Transfer Claim Portal (OTCP) has been introduced to facilitate online submission of transfer claim in order to make the transfer process transparent & effective.
- (iii) The employers and employees unions have also been requested to advise the members to file such claims for settlement.

Job oriented schemes for educated and uneducated youths

2744. SHRIMATI RENUBALA PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise total number of educated unemployed youths in the country as of now;
- (b) whether Government has any proposal to impart job oriented schemes particularly for the youths, both educated and uneducated, in the country; and
- (c) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH) : (a) As per results of the latest survey on employment and

unemployment conducted by National Sample. Survey Office during 2011-12, the details of unemployment rate on the basis of education level in the age group of 15-29 given statement-I. (*See below*) State-wise details are given Statement-II. (*See below*)

(b) and (c) Government of India has been making continuous efforts through normal growth process and by implementing various employment generation schemes in order to create additional job opportunities for both educated and uneducated youth in the country. Some of the important ones are, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) besides entrepreneurial development programmes run by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises. Recognizing the need to skill large number of people to make them employable, the Government set a target of skilling 5 crore persons during 12th Plan period. National Skill Development Agency has been set up to coordinate action among Central Ministries in this context.

Statement-I

Unemployment rates among youth in the age group of 15-29 on usual status basis during 2011-12.

Educational level	Unemployment Rate (%)			
	2011-12			
	Rural		Urban	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Not literate	2.3	0.8	2.5	1.6
Literate & up to primary	3.2	0.6	4.8	4.3
Middle school	4.2	4.6	5.1	5.8
Secondary	4.6	8.6	5.5	15.1
Higher secondary	6.5	13.8	12.0	14.6
Diploma/certificate	15.9	30.0	12.5	17.3
Graduate & above	19.1	29.6	16.3	23.4
Secondary & above	8.1	15.5	11.7	19.8
All	5.0	4.8	8.1	13.1

Source: NSSO Survey Reports.

Statement-II

State-wise unemployment rates among youth in the age group of 15-29 on usual status basis during 2011-12.

Sl. No.	State/UT	2011-12	
		Rural	Urban
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	3.6	11.8
2	Arunachal Pradesh	6.1	19.8
3	Assam	14.6	18.6
4	Bihar	9.4	14.8
5	Chhattisgarh	2.3	11.1
6	Delhi	21.1	10.4
7	Goa	10.7	12.7
8	Gujarat	0.9	2.1
9	Haryana	6.5	12.1
10	Himachal Pradesh	3.6	7.2
11	Jammu and Kashmir	7.1	18.7
12	Jharkhand	6.2	15.1
13	Karnataka	2.4	7.8
14	Kerala	21.7	18.0
15	Madhya Pradesh	1.2	7.9
16	Maharashtra	2.3	5.8
17	Manipur	9.1	26.2
18	Meghalaya	0.0	4.6
19	Mizoram	5.1	15.0
20	Nagaland	40.3	70.3

1	2	3	4
21	Odisha	6.1	9.3
22	Punjab	5.8	5.6
23	Rajasthan	1.8	7.0
24	Sikkim	3.1	5.3
25	Tamil Nadu	7.2	8.6
26	Tripura	29.1	49.7
27	Uttarakhand	10.6	9.4
28	Uttar Pradesh	2.4	10.4
29	West Bengal	7.3	13.2
30	Andaman and Nicobar Island	13.2	18.1
31	Chandigarh	0.0	15.0
32	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0.0	0.0
33	Daman and Diu	0.0	1.7
34	Lakshadweep	24.5	33.0
35	Puducherry	4.6	7.3
ALL INDIA		4.9	9.2

Source: NSSO Survey Results, 2011-12

Number of employed in the country

2745. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data regarding the number of employed in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has any proposal to create new employment opportunities in urban and rural sector; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH) : (a) Details regarding the number of employed persons in the country is mainly collected through decennial Population Census conducted by Registrar