

addressing the issue of simplifying and codifying the Labour Laws and for ensuring ease of compliance to promote an enabling business environment.

While undertaking such reforms, the overall interests of Labour like wages, employment, social security, working environment, health and safety etc. are duly addressed. The Ministry is also engaged in tri-partite consultations with the stakeholders including the Trade Unions before such amendment proposals are finalized.

Unemployed youth in North-Eastern Region

1959. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that unemployment has become a major problem in the North-Eastern Region of the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details regarding the number of educated, uneducated, skilled, unskilled and technically trained unemployed youths in this region; and

(c) whether any schemes have been formulated, target fixed and funds allocated for skill development and generation of employment opportunities in this region ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey (NSS) Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. According to the Key indicators of Employment and Unemployment Surveys 2009-10 and 2011-12, the Unemployment rates according to usual status (ps) and usual status (adjusted) for North-Eastern Region of the Country are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of States	Unemployment Rate in (%) (15-59) Years	
		2009-10	2011-12
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.8	2.1
2.	Assam	2.4	4.7
3.	Manipur	2.4	3.6
4.	Meghalaya	0.7	0.7
5.	Mizoram	1.4	3.1
6.	Nagaland	6.2	17.8
7.	Sikkim	2.7	1.1
8.	Tripura	6.7	12.8
	All India (15-59) Years	1.4	2.3
	All India (all ages)	2.0	2.2

(b) Available details of State-wise number of jobseekers maintained on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges for North-Eastern Region for 2012 is given in Statement (*See below*).

(c) Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, is implementing Capacity Building and Training Assistance (CB&TA) Scheme to impart skill for unemployed youth of North Eastern State for employability within and outside the region with qualifications ranging from 10th pass to graduates and also to promote self employment and entrepreneurship amongst the unemployed youth of North Eastern Region (NER). Most of the trainings are imparted through Government agencies in sectors like Hospitality and Tourism, Tool Rooms, Fashion Technology, Construction etc. Budget allocation under CB&TA scheme is ₹20 crore. Target for the FY 2014-15 is to train 4000 youths from NER.

A scheme titled “Enhancing Skill Development Infrastructure in North-Eastern States and Sikkim” is being implemented by Directorate General of Employment and Training (DGE&T), Ministry of Labour and Employment for skill development in North-Eastern Region. The targets and fund allocated under the scheme are as follows:

- (a). Upgradation of 20 ITIs by introducing three new trades per ITI at a total cost of ₹30.18 crore with 100% Central share;
- (b). Supplementing infrastructure deficiencies in 28 ITIs by constructing new hostel, boundary wall and supplementing old and obsolete tools and equipment at a total cost of ₹24.24 crore with 100% Central share;
- (c). Funding Monitoring Cells at Central and State Level at a total cost of ₹8.24 crore with 100% Central share; and
- (d). Establishment of 14 New ITIs in 7 States at a total cost of ₹87.14 crore with 90% Central and 10% State share.

Ministry of Labour and Employment has also operationalised Skill Development Initiative (SDI) Scheme with an objective to provide training and employment to school leavers, existing workers especially in informal sector to improve their employability. Training under the SDI scheme is provided by various Vocational Training Providers (VTPs) under Central Government, State Governments, Public and Private sector industrial establishments. The achievements made under SDI scheme are as (since inception):

- Total, 558 course modules covering 68 sectors of economy are operational.
 - 10,172 VTPs have been registered across the country.
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- 122 organizations have been empanelled as assessing Bodies for conducting assessment.
- 34.20 lakh persons have been trained/ tested across the country (since inception).

The funds released for the financial year 2014-15 (as on 25.11.2014) is ₹2399 lakhs and number of persons trained for the same period is 63441.

Statement

*State-wise number of jobseekers on the Live Register of
Employment Exchanges for North-Eastern Region*

(in thousand)		
Sl.No.	State/UT	Live Register in 2012
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	48.1
2.	Assam	1616.4
3.	Manipur	661.9
4.	Meghalaya	33.6
5.	Mizoram	43.4
6.	Nagaland	69.4
7.	Sikkim*	-
8.	Tripura	531.6
ALL INDIA		44790.1

Note: No Employment Exchange is functioning in this State.

Implementation of recommendations on occupational safety and health

1960. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is implementing the recommendations of the Working Group of the Planning Commission on Occupational Safety and Health for the Twelfth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the steps taken towards the implementation of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) and (b) As a follow up to the recommendations of the Working Group on Occupational Safety and Health, the following schemes are being implemented during Twelfth Five Year Plan: