

Number of Unemployed in Urban Areas

1146. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of unemployed persons in urban areas of the country has increased over the years;

(b) the details of the urban areas having highest percentage of unemployed persons in relation to their population;

(c) whether Government are considering grant of unemployment allowance to those who have remained unemployed for a specified period;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimates of employment and unemployment are available from the quinquennial rounds of National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). A table showing number of unemployed persons and unemployment rates in urban areas, State-wise, as per the two latest quinquennial rounds of NSSO *i.e.* 50th and 55th rounds, conducted in 1993-94 and 1999-2000 respectively is enclosed at Statement (See below). The estimates are made on Current Daily Status (CDS) basis.

(c) to (e) There is no proposal under consideration with the Government for grant of unemployment allowance to the unemployed persons. Respective State Governments take decision on grant of unemployment allowance based on the local needs.

*Statement**Table No. of Unemployed Persons and Unemployment Rate * in urban areas-CDS Basis*

SI. States No.	No. of Unemployed persons (‘000)		Unemployment Rate (%)	
	1993-94	1999-2000	1993-94	1999-2000
1. Andhra Pradesh	535	519	8.01	7.54
2. Assam	86	135	9.35	12.01
3. Bihar	302	364	8.87	9.22
4. Gujarat	318	255	6.10	4.22
5. Haryana	98	83	6.54	4.58
6. Himachal Pradesh	6	15	3.38	7.77
7. Karnataka	341	336	6.42	5.34
8. Kerala	516	562	17.71	18.94
9. Madhya Pradesh	361	436	6.96	7.10
10. Maharashtra	755	1129	6.40	8.04
11. Orissa	154	158	9.91	9.50
12. Punjab	90	130	4.00	4.79
13. Rajasthan	85	174	2.45	4.42
14. Tamil Nadu	872	894	9.76	8.90
15. Uttar Pradesh	441	636	4.93	5.98
16. West Bengal	899	866	12.09	10.60
17. Delhi	72	176	2.17	4.13
ALL INDIA :	5795	7101	7.19	7.64

* Unemployed as percentage of labour force.