

(c) the male-female ratio thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) to (c) As per the results of the labour force surveys on employment and unemployment conducted during 2004-05, 2009-10 and 2011-12 by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the workforce was 45.91 crore, 46.55 crore and 47.41 crore persons in the country during 2004-05, 2009-10 and 2011-12 respectively. In the State of West Bengal, the worker population ratio on usual status basis is given below:

(in per cent)

Gender	2004-05		2009-10		2011-12	
	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban
Male	57.4	59.5	60.8	58.4	58.6	60.2
Female	17.8	15.5	15.2	14.1	18.9	17.4
TOTAL	37.9	38.4	39.2	37.0	39.0	40.0

Unemployment among educated youth

†1364. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the youth of the country are compelled to do jobs below their educational qualifications;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of percentage of youth as per their qualifications and the rate of their getting employment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) to (c) Employment generation is a key priority of the Government. Government is concerned about making employment opportunities accessible to unemployed persons. The 12th Five Year Plan projects 5 crore new job opportunities to be generated in the non-farm sector and provide skill certification to the equivalent number with 1 crore earmarked for each year including the current year. The National Manufacturing Policy of the Government targets to create 10 crore jobs by the year 2022. As per the results of the recent labour force survey on employment and unemployment conducted in 2011-12 by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and

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Programme Implementation, among workers in usual status of age 15 years and above, about 26% of male workers and 11% of female workers in the rural areas and about 53% for male workers and 40% for female workers in the urban areas were educated (with educational level secondary and above). The educated youth, aged 15-29 years, with educational level secondary and above on usual status basis in the workforce was 34.5% in 2011-12.

As per NSSO survey, the percentage of persons age 15 years and above on basis of usual status (ps) who sought or were available for alternative work is given below:

Reason	Rural (%)	Urban (%)
Present work not remunerative enough	57.8	59.5
No job satisfaction	14.0	13.3
Lack of job security	6.1	10.9
Work place too far	1.7	1.2
Wants wage/salary job	9.7	9.0
Others	9.3	5.5

Bonded labour

1365. SHRI T. K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of number of bonded labour; and
- (b) how many of them have been released from bonded labour during the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) The State-wise details of number of bonded labour released and rehabilitated as on 31.12.2015 is as under:

Name of the State	Number of bonded labour released and rehabilitated
Andhra Pradesh	31,687
Arunachal Pradesh	2,992
Bihar	14,577
Chhattisgarh	2,215
Gujarat	64
Haryana	92
Jharkhand	196