

Ratio of unemployment in urban and rural areas

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

(a) whether it is a fact that unemployment has increased in rural areas as against urban areas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the ratio of unemployment in urban and rural areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) to (c) As per results of two most recent labour force surveys on employment and unemployment conducted during 2009-10 and 2011-12 by National Sample Survey Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the details of estimated number of employed and unemployed persons on usual status basis in rural and urban areas are given below:

(in crore)

Year		Rural	Urban	Total
2009-10	Employed	33.55	13.00	46.55
	Unemployed	0.51	0.44	0.95
	TOTAL	34.06	13.44	47.50
2011-12	Employed	33.69	13.72	47.41
	Unemployed	0.62	0.44	1.06
	TOTAL	34.31	14.16	48.47

It may be observed that while workforce grew by 0.86 crore persons, unemployed persons also marginally rose from 0.95 crore to 1.06 crore. The unemployment rates by sector is given below:

Unemployment Rates	2009-10	2011-12
Rural	1.6 %	1.7 %
Urban	3.4 %	3.4 %

Employment to unemployed persons

†98. SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is committed to provide employment to the unemployed persons;

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