

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
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INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT
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- (a) whether the Government is aware of the increase in unemployment both in the rural and urban areas of the country including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the detailed percentage of increase during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has prepared any action plan to solve the issue of unemployment;
- (d) if so, the strategy chalked out by the Government to generate more employment opportunities in the country; and
- (e) the time by which such unemployed persons are likely to be provided employment?

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:-

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a) & (b): Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through labour force surveys on employment and unemployment conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSS), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. As per the results of the recent labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation during 2009-10 and 2011-12 total employment increased from 46.55 crore to 47.41 crore persons.

As per the latest survey results of 2011-12, the estimated number of employed and unemployed persons in urban and rural areas including Uttar Pradesh are as follows:

(in crores)

	Employed	Unemployed
Rural	33.7	0.62
Urban	13.7	0.44
Total	47.4	1.06

The State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh unemployment rates are annexed.

(c) to (e): Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country like encouraging private sector of economy, fast tracking various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) run by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) scheme run by Ministry of Rural Development and National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) run by Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation.

Government has also decided to strategically promote labour-intensive manufacturing and expand employment opportunities by promoting tourism and agro-based industries. The National Manufacturing Policy of the Government targets to create 10 crore jobs by the year 2022. The 12th Five Year Plan projects 5 crore new work opportunities to be generated in the non-farm sector and provide skill certification to equivalent numbers. In order to improve the employability of youth, various Central Government Ministries run skill development schemes across different sectors. According to the data compiled by National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), about 75.84 Lakh persons were given skill development training in the year 2013-14 under these schemes.