

### **Regarding unemployment situation in the country**

**SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR ALIAS VIJAY VASANTH (KANYAKUMARI):** Hon. Chairperson, I rise to emphasise the urgent need for decent job opportunities for our youth. The unemployment crisis is deepening, with millions of young Indians struggling to find meaningful employment. Due to the advancement of technology, machines replacing human jobs, the unemployment rate is increasing rapidly.

In my constituency, Kanyakumari, lakhs of youths are still unemployed, thus forced to search for jobs abroad. This brain drain is a loss for our nation. According to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy, the unemployment rate in India has risen to 8.1 per cent in 2022, with over 30 million youth actively seeking jobs.

The International Labour Organization estimates that the Indian youth unemployment rate is expected to rise by 10.4 per cent by 2025. I urge the Government to increase investments in education and skill development programmes, implement policies promoting job creation and entrepreneurship, and provide incentives for businesses to hire and train young people. We owe it to the youth to provide them with opportunities for a bright future. Thank you.