

Regarding need to address unemployment problem in the country- laid

SHRIMATI JUNE MALIAH (MEDINIPUR): For the last two years, every tenth young Indian has been without a job. According to the International Labour Organisation, nearly one-third of India's youth is neither studying, employed, nor receiving any form of training, and women account for 95% of this segment. At a time when India is poised to surpass China as the world's most populous nation, it is deeply troubling that the country is unable to capitalise on its demographic advantage. Between 2020 and 2024, more than 35,000 MSMEs shut down, further reducing avenues for formal employment. As a result, increasing numbers of young people are being pushed into insecure, low-paid, casual work. Even the widely publicised PM Internship scheme has delivered disappointing results. Of the nearly 4 lakh individuals who applied, only about 16,000 were actually enrolled. Barely 4% For SC and ST, it was 1.4%. Not even a total of 100 interns were retained by these companies. One out of five interns quit midway. Therefore, I strongly urge the Government to acknowledge the severity of the unemployment crisis and take decisive action to address it.