

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNEMPLOYED YOUTH
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have launched/proposed to launch any time bound programme to provide employment to all the unemployed in the country in various States including Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have fixed any target in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

a) to d) The Approach to the Tenth Five Year Plan has recognized the importance of providing gainful high quality employment to the additions to the labour force and it is listed as one of the monitorable objectives for the Tenth Plan and beyond. The growth strategy of Tenth Plan would lay emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors which are most likely to create high quality employment opportunities and deal with the policy constraints which discourage growth of employment. Particular attention will be paid to the policy environment influencing a wide range of economic activities, which have a large employment potential. These include sectors such as construction, real estate and housing, transport, Small Scale Industry (SSI), modern retailing, Information Technology (IT) enabled services and a range of other new services, which need to be promoted through supportive policies. Emphasis will also be laid on tourism to ensure realization of full potential of this activity.

Employment Strategy in the Tenth Plan will focus on employment growth and on the qualitative aspects of employment. In order to enable the poor to access the opportunities and to ensure consistency between the requirement and availability of skills, emphasis will also be placed on skill development.

Government is also implementing special programmes for eradication of poverty and generation of employment. The major poverty alleviation programmes, which provide employment in the rural areas, are Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, Jawahar Gram Samridhhi Yojana and Employment Assurance Scheme. In the urban areas, Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) is in operation since 1.12.97, which also seeks to provide gainful employment to the poor. Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana is being implemented as a Central Plan scheme to provide employment opportunities to educated unemployed youths in both rural and urban areas.