

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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UNEMPLOYED UNSKILLED LABOURERS  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether Government has made any survey to assess the number of unemployed unskilled labourers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to help these unskilled and unemployed labourers?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a & b) Ministry of Labour & Employment have not conducted any such survey. However, State-wise number of uneducated (Below 10th Standard) jobseekers (including illiterates), all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, registered with the various employment exchanges in the country as on 31st December 2003 are given in the Annexure.

(c) A target of creation of around 5 crore employment opportunities was fixed for the 10th Plan period; around 3 crore employment opportunities from the normal growth of the economy and two crore from special employment generation programmes. Besides this, Government have launched the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, which aims at providing 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in a year to each rural household. These measures will help the unemployed unskilled labourers also.