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INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether unemployment is rapidly increasing due to fall in the productivity in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) & (b): Growth in labour productivity per annum is estimated at 3.10% during 1999-2000 and 2004-2005. However, unemployment has also increased from 2.78% in 1999-2000 to 3.06% in 2004-05 on Usual Principal Status basis. This increase in unemployment is not due to fall in labour productivity

(c): The draft Approach Paper to the Eleventh Five Year Plan aims at creating more work opportunities to reduce unemployment in the country. The additional employment opportunities will be generated in the labour intensive sectors like food processing, leather products, footwear, textiles and services sectors such as tourism, construction etc.