

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT GENERATION RATE  
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the rate of increase in employment generation and unemployment in the country during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether the rate of increase in unemployment at present is higher than the rate during 1999-2000; and
- (c) if so, the reasons for increase in the unemployment?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

- (a) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial Labour Force Surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). The annual rate of increase in employment as per usual status basis was 2.95 per cent during the period 1999-2000 to 2004-05 whereas the annual rate of increase in unemployment was 3.7 per cent during the same period.
- (b) Unemployment rate on usual status basis has marginally increased to 2.3 per cent in 2004-05 from 2.2 percent in 1999-2000. Rate of increase in unemployment during the periods 1999-2000 to 2004-05 and 1993-94 to 1999-2000 has remained almost unchanged at 3.7 percent per year.
- (c) Increase in unemployment is mainly attributed to higher rate of growth in working age population than total population, increase in labour force participation rates, particularly among women and higher unemployment among educated youth.