

**Title:** Need to take steps to solve the unemployment problem in the country.

SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY (CALCUTTA NORTH-WEST): Unemployment problem has reached its skyrocketed height. State-wise number of job seekers on the Live Register of the employment exchanges in the year 1997 have been 3 crores and 91 lakhs.

In West Bengal the number of registered unemployed youths is maximum in India amounting up to 57 lakhs 39 thousand (as per the reply to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 127 on 08.12.98).

Unemployed youths have become helpless and they have no scope to get Government jobs as the situation stands today. In West Bengal there are many unemployed youths holding employment exchange cards for the last twenty years who have not received any call letter for job from the Employment Exchanges.

Central Government should make all efforts to sort out the burning unemployment problem of the country in consultation with the Chief Ministers of the States.

I urge the Government of India to convene a meeting of Chief Ministers to discuss only one point agenda of unemployment and find out its positive solution on war footing.