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Jharkhand 2nd Highest Among Indian States with Unemployment Rate

February 3, 2011: In accordance with the Labour Bureau's survey, unemployment rate of Jharkhand is estimated at 27.4 per cent, which is the second highest among the Indian states and union territories. The Labour Bureau conducted the first household survey on employment-unemployment in 300 districts covering 28 states/union territories in the country for the reference period between April, 2009 and March, 2010.

Mr. Mallikarjun Kharge, the union minister of labour and employment informed Rajya Sabha in reply to a question from MP Mr. Parimal Nathwani.

The minister's reply tabled in the house gave the sector wise details of the unemployment rate in Jharkhand; according to which in rural areas the rates for males and females unemployment were 24.5 per cent and 44.9 per cent respectively with total unemployment rate of 29.9 per cent. In Urban areas however the same was only 7.4 per cent for males and 4.7 per cent for females totaling the urban unemployment rate to 6.9 per cent. The overall rate of unemployment in the State was 22.4 per cent for males and 42.2 per cent for females with total 27.4 per cent.

With a view to study the overall employment-unemployment situation in the country, the Labour Bureau conducted its first national level household survey in 28 States/UTs except five North Eastern states and island of Lakshdweep and the Andaman and Nicobar. These states/UTs represent 99 per cent of the country's total population based on 2001 census results.

The Labour Bureau Survey also revealed that out of 1000 employed persons, 455 persons were employed in agriculture, forestry and fisheries group. Also, within the employed population, self employment is the dominant category, as out of 1000 employed persons, 439 were self-employed. Not only that, among self-employed also, 572 persons out of 1000 were employed in agriculture, forestry and fisheries; according to the survey.
