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Arunachal creates lesser vacancies under Govt

As per Arunachal Pradesh Annual Planning document of 2011-12, Arunachal Pradesh continues to remain poorest of the poor State with inadequate basic infrastructure and low economic growth. The unemployment figures for Arunachal are also the second highest in the country!

Unemployment is one of the major reasons for unwanted activities like theft, crime, extortion, insurgency etc. Unemployment is also one of the main reasons for drugs/alcohol addiction etc.

Government jobs/vacancies are gradually being saturated. Lesser and lesser jobs will be offered by the government. Recently the doctor's retirement age has been increased from 58 yrs to 62 years. There is a high probability that the retirement age will be increased to 60 years for other employees also. This will lead to lesser job vacancies being created by the government. With increasing numbers of educated youth, job demands are multiplying. There are many unemployed youth in the state. How do we increase job opportunities in the state?

One of the quickest ways to provide employment is by setting up more industries in the state.

New industries will result in creation of large number of jobs. In addition, other benefits will be accrued in terms of supporting infrastructure/ jobs like transportation, hotel, restaurants, banking etc in addition to more revenues for the state!

There are negligible industries in the state. The single most negative factor against setting up of industries in the state is the lack of stabilised three phase electric supply in the industrial estates! No industry can sustain without stabilised three phase electric supply. It appears that this simple aspect has not been paid adequate attention by our planners.

The other major problem is the lack of Single Window Clearance for setting up industries. Presently, Industry Licence is from a different Window, Trading Licence is from a different Window, Municipal/ Pollution Clearances are from different Windows, VAT/ CST registrations are from different Windows....etc. Creation of a truly Single

Window Clearance will lead to faster establishment and operationalisation of new industries.

The second major avenue at job creation is the development of tourism in the state. With many pristine and exotic locations, Arunachal Pradesh has the potential to be a major tourist destination. Increase in tourism will lead to increase in supporting infrastructure/ jobs like transportation, hotel, restaurants, shops etc. However, for tourism to develop the govt has to build all weather roads and provide electricity in these exotic tourist locations. Presently the roads to most tourist destinations are in bad condition.

Another major job creation opportunity is the establishment of Central Institutes and major projects in the state. Central institutes including educational institutes will lead to job creation for native people. Similarly, major projects like Hydro Power Projects, Railways, Airports etc will create more jobs for natives.

There is a lot of work being done towards improving infrastructure in the state. However a lot more needs to be done towards establishment of more industries and improving tourism in the state.