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40 pc of population jobless

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About 40 per cent of population in the country—44 per cent of the urban and 36 per cent of the rural population—are jobless.

This was stated by Mr A B S Saifdar, Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare and manpower development, at a Press conference on Saturday.

Mr Saifdar said of the total population of the country, 48 per cent were between the age of six and sixteen and 22 per cent between the age of 15 and 25.

He said that according to study carried out by the Social Welfare Department more than eight lakh people in the country were jobless.

80 per cent of the children in the country were suffering from malnutrition, he said.