

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 100
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2020**

JOB LOSS AND REVERSE MIGRATION

100. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of several millions of job loss and reverse migration in unorganized sector with the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic situation in the country which had thrown out the poor labour class in the streets;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/Sector-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to arrest this trend and to create more employment opportunities to the working class in the country;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)**

(a) to (e) : The global spread of the corona virus (COVID-19) followed by lockdowns has affected global economies including India. Covid-19 has resulted in large number of migrant workers going back to their native places and loss of jobs has also been observed in India during this period. Government has taken initiatives for creating jobs at local levels & supporting migrant workers through Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, Aatmanirbhar Bharat & Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhayan. Aatmanirbhar Bharat is based on Economy, Infrastructure, System, Vibrant Demography and Demand to create jobs for the youth. It encompasses an economic package of Rs. 20 Lakh Crores for facilitating creation of employment opportunities in the country.

Under PMGKY, besides providing foodgrains, exgratia payments directly in the accounts of beneficiaries, EPF contribution for employees working in certain establishments was also made by the Government to support the Industry particularly MSME Sector. Further, the wage under MGNREGA has also been increased from Rs.182 per day to Rs.202 which has benefitted about 13.62 Crore families.

Government of India under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhyan (PMGKRA) has taken various initiatives to boost rural infrastructure & rural economy to provide local employment opportunities particularly to the migrant returnees. It covers 116 districts of 6 States with a resource envelope of Rs 50,000 crore is being implemented in a mission mode campaign of 125 days through Ministry of Rural Development.

Government has also announced the measures to strengthen Infrastructure Logistics, Capacity Building, Governance and Administrative Reforms for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Processing Sectors.

Government of India has launched PM SVANidhi Scheme to facilitate collateral free working capital loan upto Rs.10,000/- of one-year tenure, to approximately, 50 lakh street vendors, to resume their businesses.
