

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1041
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 2021

JOBS LOST DUE TO PANDEMIC

1041. SHRI. K.R. SURESH REDDY:
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that several youth have lost their employment/jobs during the lock down on account of COVID-19;**
- (b) if so, what efforts Government has made to provide employment/jobs to the people who have lost their jobs during this pandemic; and**
- (c) the number of people who have been given jobs who had earlier lost their jobs during this pandemic period, the details thereof, State-wise?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Corona Virus (COVID-19) pandemic followed by lockdowns has affected economies across the globe including India. COVID-19 has resulted in large number of migrant workers going back to their native places. Government has taken several initiatives to address the challenges and threats posed by Covid-19.

Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana (ABRY) Scheme has been launched by the Government to incentivize creation of new employment along with social security benefits and restoration of loss of employment during COVID-19 pandemic. This scheme being implemented through the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), reduces the financial burden of the employers of various sectors/industries including MSMEs and encourages them to hire more workers. Under ABRY, Government of India is crediting both the employees' share (12% of wages) and employers share' (12% of wages) of contribution payable or only the employees' share, depending on employment strength of the EPFO registered establishments.

To boost employment and livelihood opportunities for migrant workers returning to villages, in the wake of COVID-19 outbreak, Government of India has launched Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA) on 20th June 2020 for six states. Total employment generated in six states (in persondays) under the GKRA as on 02-02-2021 is given below:

State	Employment generated (in Persondays)
Bihar	11,19,48,805
Jharkhand	1,32,51,929
Madhya Pradesh	9,99,01,931
Odisha	2,30,31,641
Rajasthan	15,39,17,007
Uttar Pradesh	10,58,17,358
Total	50,78,68,671

Government of India under PM- SVANidhi Scheme has facilitated collateral free working capital loan upto Rs.10,000/- for one-year tenure to street vendors, to resume their businesses.

Under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY), Government of India has contributed both 12% employer's share and 12% employee's share under Employees Provident Fund (EPF), totaling 24% of the wage for the wage month from March to August, 2020 for the establishments having upto 100 employees with 90% of such employees earning less than Rs. 15000/-. Under the PMGKY scheme Rs 2567.66 crore was credited in EPF accounts of 38.82 lakhs eligible employees.
