

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
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DATA ON EMPLOYMENT AND JOB LOSS

1071. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

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

- (a) whether the Government has collected data on the unemployment and job loss occurred during the last five years**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Government has been able to provide 2 crore new jobs per year as promised; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): As per the results of Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by National Sample Survey Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation during 2017-18, 2018-19 and Annual Employment–Unemployment Surveys conducted by Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment, the estimated unemployment rate for the persons aged 15 years and above on usual status(principal status + subsidiary status) basis to the extent available in the country is given below:

Unemployment Rate (in %)	
Survey	All-India
2018-19(PLFS)	5.8%
2017-18 (PLFS)	6.0%
2016-17 (Labour Bureau)	3.9%
2015-16 (Labour Bureau)	3.7%
2013-14(Labour Bureau)	3.4%

(Note: Survey methodology and sample selection are different in PLFS and Survey by Labour Bureau)

Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority of the Government. Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country like encouraging various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and Deendayal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) run by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, respectively.

Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojna (ABRY) Scheme has been launched to incentivize employers for 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 MSME and encourages them to hire more workers. Under ABRY, the Government of India is bearing both the employees' share (12% of wages) and employers' share (12% of wages) of contribution payable or only the employees' share, depending on employee strength of the EPFO registered establishments.
