

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2020

POLICY TO RAISE EMPLOYMENT LEVEL

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

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any policies to raise the level of employment in cities after the start of unlock procedure;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has formulated policy to support or provide employment to the workers of unorganized urban sectors; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) :Government has taken various initiatives for creating jobs at local level & supporting workers through Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY), Aatmanirbhar Bharat & Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhayan (PMGKRA) to mitigate the problems posed by covid-19. 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 crore which inter-alia facilitates creation of employment opportunities in the country in urban & rural areas, organized & unorganized sectors.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojna(PMGKY)launched in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, Government of India is contributing 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 all the establishments having upto 100 employees with 90% of such employees earning less than Rs. 15,000/-.

Statutory Provident Fund(PF) contribution of both employer and employee has been reduced to 10% each from existing 12% each for all establishments covered by Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)for three months.

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.

RBI and Government of India have introduced various measures to infuse liquidity in the economy to sustain the market economy and to raise the level of employment.

Employment generation and improving employability has been the priority concern of the Government. Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country (including cities & workers of urban unorganized sectors) like encouraging private sector of economy, fast-tracking various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes such as Deendayal Antodaya Yojana- National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM),PMEGP, etc.

Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) is a scheme of Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs which aims to reduce poverty and vulnerability of urban poor households by enabling them to access gainful self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities, for improvement in their livelihoods on a sustainable basis.
