

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1206  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2020**

**GENERATION OF EMPLOYMENT DURING LOCKDOWN PERIOD**

**1206. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE:**

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

- (a) what steps have been taken by the Ministry to provide employment opportunities to people, during the last five months since the nationwide lockdown;**
- (b) if so, what is the amount spent by the Ministry for the same, State-wise details thereof; and**
- (c) whether any employment has been generated ever since Unlock 1.0, if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (c): The global spread of the corona virus (COVID-19) 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. Central Government has announced an economic package of Rupees 20 lakh crore and has advocated for Atmanirbhar Bharat. Atmanirbhar Bharat is based on Economy, Infrastructure, System, Vibrant Demography and Demand to create jobs for the youth.**

**Under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY), Government of India is contributing both 12% employer's share and 12% employee's share under Employees Provident Fund (EPF), totalling 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. 15000/-. As on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, 2.79 lakh establishments claimed benefit for 44.42 lakh employees for which Rs.2224.52 crore has been credited.**

**Statutory PF contribution of both employer and employee has been reduced to 10% each from existing 12% each for all establishments covered by EPFO for three months.**

**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 on 20th June 2020. Abhiyaan focuses on durable rural infrastructure and providing modern facilities like internet in the villages. Skill Mapping of the rural migrant labour being done to help them work closer home. The Abhiyaan involves intensified and focused implementation of 25 target driven works to provide employments and create infrastructure in the rural areas of 116 districts of 6 States with a resource envelope of Rs 50,000 crore to be implemented in a mission mode campaign in 125 days.**

**As per the information available, total employment generated (in days) under the Abhiyaan is 26,34,23,281 mandays with expenditure of Rs. 22761 crore as on 08.09.2020.**

**Government has also announced the measures to strengthen Infrastructure Logistics, Capacity Building, Governance and Administrative Reforms for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Processing Sectors. These include Rs. 1 lakh crore Agri Infrastructure Fund for farm-gate infrastructure for farmers; Rs. 10,000 crore scheme for formalisation of Micro Food Enterprises; Rs. 20,000 crore for Fishermen through Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana; National Animal Disease Control Programme; Setting up of Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund of Rs. 15,000 crore; Promotion of Herbal Cultivation with an outlay of Rs. 4,000 crore; Beekeeping initiatives worth Rs. 500 crore; Measures for Governance and Administrative Reforms for Agriculture Sector; Amendments to Essential Commodities Act to enable better price realisation for farmers; Agriculture Marketing Reforms to provide marketing choices to farmers; Agriculture Produce Price and Quality Assurance.**

**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 also introduced measures to infuse liquidity in the economy to sustain the market economy.**

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