GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1224
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2020

JOBS LOST IN MANUFACTURING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTORS

1224. SHRI P.L.PUNIA:

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

(a) the number of jobs lost in the manufacturing sector and construction sector between January to August 2020, State-wise, gender-wise, and month-wise;

(b) whether Government is taking steps to increase employment in these sectors; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

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) 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 is taking several steps to ensure that the country is well prepared to face the challenges and threats posed by Covid-19. Government has launched Aatmanirbhar Bharat which focuses on Economy, Infrastructure, System, Vibrant Demography and Demand to create jobs for the youth.

To provide relief to the business, additional working capital finance of 20% of the outstanding credit as on 29th February 2020, in the form of a Term Loan at a concessional rate of interest is being provided. The units will not have to provide any guarantee or collateral of their own.

Under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY), Government of India is contributing both 12% employers' share and 12% employees' 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/-.

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.

Government has earmarked an additional Rs. 40,000 crore under MGNREGS. It will help generate nearly 300 crore person days in total addressing need for more work including returning migrant workers in Monsoon season as well.

RBI and Government of India have introduced following Measures to infuse liquidity in the economy in general & Manufacturing & Construction sector in particular.

(i) Moratorium up to 31st August, 2020 on repayment of installments of term loans/cash credit/over draft.

(ii) Scheme of Rs. 1,500 crore to provide Interest Subvention of 2% for prompt payees for a period of 12 months to MUDRA Shishu loanees, who have loans below Rs. 50,000.

(iii) Special refinance facility of Rs. 15,000 crore to SIDBI for onlending/refinancing.

(iv) Special liquidity scheme for Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) and Micro Financial Institutions(MFIs) worth Rs 30,000 crore.

(v) Emergency Credit Guarantee Line of Rs. 3 lakh crore for Standard accounts and stressed accounts (Special Mention Accounts-0 and Special Mention Accounts-1)

(vi) Rs. 45,000 crore Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme 2.0 for providing portfolio guarantee of 20% first loss to Public Sector Banks for purchase of Bonds or Commercial Papers with a rating of AA and below

(vii) Ban on Global Tender for procurement up to Rs. 200 crore.

(viii) Credit Guarantee Scheme for Subordinate Debt for SMA-2 and NPA accounts for infusing Rs. 20,000 crore in MSME Sector

(ix) Credit Guarantee scheme for street Vendors (PM SVAnidhi) which also involves interest subsidy

(x) Partial credit guarantee scheme for the liabilities of NBFCs and MFIs, etc.

Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY) was launched by the Ministry of Labour and Employment for incentivising employers for promoting employment generation. Under this scheme, Government is paying entire employers contribution (12% or as admissible) towards EPF and EPS for all eligible employees registered upto 31st March, 2019 through Employer for all sectors for 3 years.

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