GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT **RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1231**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st SEPTEMBER, 2020

UNEMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCE TO JOBLESS YOUTH

1231. SHRI C.M. RAMESH:

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

- (a) whether Government is providing unemployment allowance to jobless youth in the country till they get employment and the criteria adopted in granting such allowance, the details thereof; and
- (b) the details of unemployment allowance provided to educated youth belonging to different strata of the society in the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (b): Government is implementing National Career Service (NCS) Project to connect jobseekers with employment opportunities. NCS provides a variety of employment related services like career counselling, vocational guidance, information on skill development courses, apprenticeship, internships etc. The services under NCS are available online and free of cost which can be accessed directly, through Career Centres, Common Service Centres, post offices, mobile devices, cyber cafes etc. The various stakeholders on the NCS platform include jobseekers, industries, employers, employment exchanges (career centres), training providers, educational institutions and placement organizations.

Under the Atal Beemit Vyakti Kalyan Yojana (ABVKY) being implemented by the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), the unemployment benefit subject to eligibily conditions, is paid to insured workers who lose their job. The unemployment benefit under the ABVKY has been enhanced to 50% from 25% of the average daily earning, payable upto 90 days, alongwith relaxation of eligibility conditions to claim the benefit for insured workers who have lost employment due to COVID-19. The enhanced benefit and relaxed conditions are applicable for the period 24.03.2020 to 31.12.2020.
