

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*146
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04TH MARCH, 2020**

AUTHENTICITY OF UNEMPLOYMENT DATA

***146. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:**

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

- (a) the current system for recording unemployment figures in the country and whether this system is providing true information regarding unemployed people;**
- (b) the number of unemployed people in the country at present;**
- (c) whether there is any system under which the unemployed can be registered and provided an opportunity for employment so that they do not have to fill the form repeatedly and pay excessive application fee; and**
- (d) the current status thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *146 DUE FOR REPLY ON 04-03-2020 BY SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD REGARDING “AUTHENTICITY OF UNEMPLOYMENT DATA”.

(a) & (b): With a view to measure changes in the labour market on more frequent basis, National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation conducts annual regular employment and unemployment survey, namely, Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) with aim to provide quarterly changes of various indicators of the labour market for urban areas and the annual estimates of different labour force indicators for both rural and urban areas, at State/UT and all India level.

As per the results of annual PLFS report 2017-18, the estimated unemployment rate on usual status (principal status+subsidiary status) basis for persons of all ages in the country to the extent available is 6.1%.

(c) & (d): No. However, Government has implemented the National Career Service (NSC) Project which comprises a digital portal that provides a nation-wide online platform for the job seekers and employers for job-matching in a dynamic, efficient and responsive manner and has a repository of career content for job seekers. These services are available online on the National Career Service Portal (www.ncs.gov.in). Further, there are 997 employment exchanges functioning in the country which register unemployed persons.
