

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1859  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04<sup>TH</sup>AUGUST, 2021**

**SHORTAGE OF SKILLED WORKFORCE**

**1859. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the current unemployment rate in the country is over 6.83 percent while the unemployment rate for graduates is threefold at 19 per cent;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether it is a fact that India faces the highest shortages of skilled workforce; and**
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

**(a) & (b): Annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) on employment and unemployment is conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. As per the results of annual PLFS 2019-20 (survey period July 2019-June 2020), the unemployment rate for persons of 15 years and above on usual status basis and unemployment rate for graduates during 2019-20 was 4.8% and 17.2% respectively.**

**(c) & (d): A skill gap analysis study conducted by National Skills Development Corporation Government (NSDC, 2014) had reported an incremental requirement of about 109.73 million skilled population by 2022 across 24 key skill sectors. Government has taken a number of initiatives for promoting skill development in the country. Under Skill India Mission, the Government is implementing skill development schemes/programmes across 21 Central Ministries/Departments, for providing a variety of skill development training programmes on pan India basis.**

**Ministry of Education is implementing Samagara Shiksha Scheme with an aim to impart vocational courses to the students of Class 9th to 12th.**

**Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) is the flagship skill training scheme of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).**

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