

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.219
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14THSEPTEMBER, 2020
DATA REGARDING UNEMPLOYMENT LEVEL

219. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any data regarding unemployment level in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details during the last five years, year-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government has any data regarding number of job loss and job creation reported in organized and unorganized sector during the 12 months, month-wise; and**
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to create employment opportunity in the country?**

ANSWER

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

(a & b): As per the results of annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and Employment & Unemployment Survey conducted by Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment, the estimated unemployment rate on usual status (principal status + subsidiary status) basis for the persons of age 15 years and above to the extent available in the country is given below:

Survey*	Unemployment Rate
2018-19 (PLFS)	5.8%
2017-18 (PLFS)	6.0%
2015-16 (Labour Bureau)	3.7%
2013-14 (Labour Bureau)	3.4%
2012-13 (Labour Bureau)	4.0%

(Note: *Survey methodology and sample selection are different in PLFS and Labour Bureau survey)

(c): The annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) on employment and unemployment are conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The last such survey was conducted during 2018-19. As per the result of survey, the estimated unemployment rate and worker population ratio on usual status (principal status + subsidiary status) basis to the extent available in the country was 5.8% and 35.3% respectively.

(d): Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority of the Government. Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country like encouraging private sector of economy, fast-tracking various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes such as Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and Deendayal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM).

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) has been initiated by Government inter alia for facilitating self-employment. Under PMMY collateral free loans upto Rs. 10 lakh, are extended to micro/small business enterprises and to individuals to enable them to setup or expand their business activities.

Government has implemented the National Career Service (NCS) 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 to job seekers.

Government of India has announced an economic package of Rs. 20 Lakh Crores and Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has advocated for a Atamnirbhar Bharat, it may reduce unemployment and help in creating employment opportunities in the country.
