

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2414
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH DECEMBER, 2021**

SHRINKING OF INFORMAL SECTOR

2414. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:

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

- (a) whether the informal sector shrank sharply in 2020-21 and the workers in the sector continue to bear the brunt of pandemic's adverse effects as per SBI report during the last five years till date; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, reasons therefor and present status thereof along with corrective steps being taken in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): As per annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) report proprietary and partnership enterprises are considered as informal sector enterprises. Percentage of workers engaged in proprietary and partnership (P & P) enterprises among workers in usual status (ps+ss) engaged in non-agriculture sector during 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 are 68.2%, 68.4% and 69.5% respectively.

The Government has recently launched e-SHRAM Portal to prepare a National Database for Unorganised Workers including construction workers, migrant workers, gig workers and platform workers, street vendors, domestic workers, agriculture workers, etc. In less than 100 days since the launch of e-Shram portal, as on 8.12.2021, 11.08 crore workers have registered on the portal.

Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority of the Government. Accordingly, the Government of India has taken various steps for generating employment in the country. The Government of India is encouraging various projects involving substantial investment and public expenditure on schemes

like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) of the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) & Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) of the Ministry of Rural Development, Deen Dayal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) of the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs and Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) etc.

The Government of India has announced Aatmanirbhar Bharat package to provide stimulus to business and to mitigate the adverse impact of Covid 19. Under this package, the Government is providing fiscal stimulus of more than Rs. Twenty Seven lakh crore. This package comprises of various long term schemes/ programmes/ policies for making the country self-reliant and to create employment opportunities.

The Government launched the Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA) of 125 days on 20th June, 2020 to boost employment and livelihood opportunities for returnee migrant workers and similarly affected persons including youth in rural areas, in 116 selected districts across 6 States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

Prime Minister Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme has been launched on June 01, 2020 to provide working capital loans to Street Vendors, vending in urban areas, to resume their businesses, which were impacted adversely due to COVID-19.

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) is being implemented by the Government 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. Under this scheme 31.28 crore loans were sanctioned till November 2021.

Besides these initiatives, various flagship programmes of the Government such as Make in India, Digital India, Smart City Mission, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation, Housing for All, Infrastructure Development and Industrial corridors and Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme are also oriented towards generating productive employment opportunities.
