

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2495
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH MARCH, 2021**

UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE COUNTRY

2495. SMT. PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken note of high incidence of unemployment amongst youth in the country both graduate and non-graduate;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the number of jobs/employment provided to the unemployed youth in the country indifferent sectors, during the one year, State/UT-wise; and**
- (d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for improving employment opportunities in the country?**

ANSWER

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

(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 PLFS 2018-19, the estimated unemployment rate for persons of age 15 years and above (including graduate and non-graduate) on usual status (principal status + subsidiary status) basis in the country with different educational attainments is given below:

Unemployment Rate	
General Education Level	2018-19
Literate & upto Primary	2.4%
Middle	4.8%
Secondary	5.5%
Higher Secondary	9.2%
Diploma certificate course	17.2%
Graduate	16.9%
All Persons	5.8%

(c) & (d): Employment generation is a priority of the Government. Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country through schemes like 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). State/UT-wise detail of the employment generated through these schemes/ programmes is given at Annexure.

The Government is providing fiscal stimulus of more than rupees twenty seven lakh crore as part of the Aatmanirbhar financial Package. Aatmanirbhar Bharat package comprises of various long term schemes/programmes/ policies for making the country self-reliant and to create employment opportunities for organised and unorganised sectors.

Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojna (ABRY) Scheme has been launched with effect from 1st October 2020 to incentivize creation of new employment along with social security benefits and restoration of loss of employment during COVID-19 pandemic. This scheme reduces the financial burden of the employers of various sectors/industries including MSME and encourages them to hire more workers. Under ABRY, Government of India is providing for a period of two years both the employees' share (12% of wages) and employer's share (12% of wages) of contribution payable or only the employees' share, depending on employment strength of the EPFO registered establishments. As on 9th March, 2021, 16.49 lakh employees were registered for availing the benefits.

To boost employment and livelihood opportunities for migrant workers returning to villages, in the wake of COVID-19 outbreak, Government of India had launched Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRY) on 20th June 2020 for six states. Under GKRY, 50,78,68,671 persondays employment has been generated in six states.

Government is implementing the National Career Service (NCS) Project which provides employment related services and also has a digital portal (www.ncs.gov.in) that provides a nation-wide online platform for the job seekers and employers for job search & matching in a dynamic manner. All services on NCS are free of cost.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c & d) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2495 due for reply on 17-03-2021.

State/UT-wise detail of employment provided in major schemes/programmes like 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) to the extent available

Sl. No.	State/UTs	MGNREGA (Persondays in lakh) (as on 28.01.2021)	PMEGP (No. of persons) (Till Dec., 2020)	DDU-GKY (No of candidate placed) (Till Dec., 2020)	DAY-NULM (no of skill trained candidate placed) (FY 2020-21)
1	Andhra Pradesh	2235	7296	451	-
2	Arunachal Pradesh	91	136	33	-
3	Assam	637	7728	2843	29
4	Bihar	1755	6232	1984	103
5	Chhattisgarh	1225	8968	3354	71
6	Delhi	-	224	-	-
7	Goa	1	176	-	248
8	Gujarat	400	12712	611	1034
9	Haryana	152	6832	1213	601
10	Himachal Pradesh	299	4112	106	106
11	Jammu & Kashmir	251	29384	1815	1
12	Jharkhand	955	3776	1614	292
13	Karnataka	1216	16336	1288	-
14	Kerala	784	7912	1836	165
15	Madhya Pradesh	2870	11400	955	1587
16	Maharashtra	494	11104	1876	1226
17	Manipur	281	4264	254	-
18	Meghalaya	282	680	77	1
19	Mizoram	183	2328	12	158
20	Nagaland	155	1448	270	-
21	Odisha	1720	7944	6409	-
22	Punjab	296	5816	1381	633
23	Rajasthan	3719	10120	959	74
24	Sikkim	30	104	18	0
25	Tamil Nadu	2703	21736	1221	63
26	Telangana	1379	6832	1162	0
27	Tripura	362	2808	94	0
28	Uttarakhand	237	8000	137	0
29	Uttar Pradesh	3419	39776	2666	157
30	West Bengal	3587	7848	2294	585
31	A. & N. Islands	2	480	-	-
32	Chandigarh	-	32	-	7
33	D. & N. Haveli	-	-	-	-
34	Daman & Diu	-	-	-	-
35	Lakshadweep	-	-	-	-
36	Puducherry	11	152	-	-
37	Ladakh	19	688	-	-
	Total	31748	255384	36933	7141

Source: M/o Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; M/o Rural Development; M/o Housing and Urban Affairs. Total may not tally due to rounding off.