

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *24
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03RD FEBRUARY, 2021

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

***24. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that unemployment is continuously rising in the country;**
- (b) the details of rise in unemployment during the last three years;**
- (c) the current unemployment rate in the country; and**
- (d) whether any study has been conducted to find out the cause of rising unemployment in the country?**

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. *24 DUE FOR REPLY ON 03-02-2021 BY CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV, M.P. REGARDING “UNEMPLOYMENT RATE”

(a) to (d): Annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) on employment and unemployment conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation shows that estimated unemployment rate for persons of 15 years and above in the country to the extent available is given below:

Year	Unemployment Rate
2018-19	5.8%
2017-18	6.0%

Source: Annual Report, PLFS, 2018-19

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 various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on 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) run by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, respectively.

Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojna (ABRY) Scheme has been launched to incentivize employers for creation of new employment along with social security benefits and restoration of loss of employment during COVID-19 pandemic. This scheme being implemented through the Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) reduces the financial burden of the employers of various sectors/industries including MSME and encourages them to hire more workers. Under ABRY, the Government of India is bearing both the employees’ share (12% of wages) and employers’ share (12% of wages) of contribution payable or only the employees’ share, depending on employee strength of the EPFO registered establishments.
