

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
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NSSO REPORT ON THE UNEMPLOYMENT

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

- (a) whether Government has received a recent report of National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) on the unemployment issue of the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether it is a fact that during the last five years joblessness stood at 45 year high and continues to rise in 2020 and if so, the reasons therefor; and**
- (c) whether Government has undertaken any study to assess the impact of rising unemployment on industry and the public, particularly youth and the steps taken by Government to increase formal employment in the country?**

ANSWER

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

(a): National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has conducted annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) during 2017-18. The survey report has recently been released by the Government.

(b) to (c): To assess the employment and unemployment situation in the country, an annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) was conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation during 2017-18 and annual employment-unemployment survey conducted by Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment. As per the results of these surveys, the estimated unemployment rate on usual status (principal status + subsidiary status) basis for the persons of age 15 years and above in the country to the extent available is given below:

Survey*	Unemployment Rate
2017-18 (PLFS by NSO)	6.0%
2015-16 (Labour Bureau)	3.7%
2013-14 (Labour Bureau)	3.4%

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

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 various schemes.

Under Skill India Mission, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is implementing a flagship scheme known as the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 2016-20 with an objective to provide skilling to one crore people under Short Term Training (STT) and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) across the country for four years i.e. 2016-2020.

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 (NSC) 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 for job seekers. These services are available online on the National Career Service Portal (www.ncs.gov.in).
