GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *305 TO BE ANSWERED ON 31st MARCH, 2022

SCHEMES TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

- (a) the details of various schemes being run to provide adequate employment opportunities to the unemployed youth in the country;
- (b) whether any survey has been undertaken to review the existing schemes in terms of effectiveness and adequacy to meet the job demands in the country;
- (c) if not, the steps taken to generate more employment opportunities for the unemployed youth in this regard; and
- (d) the details of employment opportunities provided as a result of implementation of these schemes in the State of Tamil Nadu during the last three years, year-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BHUPENDER YADAV)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *305 DUE FOR REPLY ON 31-03-2022 REGARDING "SCHEMES TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES" BY SHRI M. SHANMUGAM, M.P.

(a) to (d): 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 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.

Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY) has been launched with effect from 1st October, 2020 as part of Atmanirbhar Bharat package 3.0 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), seeks to reduce the financial burden of the employers and encourages them to hire more workers. The terminal date for registration of beneficiaries has been extended from 30.06.2021 to 31.03.2022. As on 21.03.2022, benefits have been provided to 54.52 lakh beneficiaries in the country which includes 7.35 lakh beneficiaries in the State of Tamil Nadu.

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. Upto 11.03.2022, 34.08 crore loans were sanctioned under the scheme.

PM GatiShakti is a transformative approach for economic growth and sustainable development. The approach is driven by seven engines, namely, Roads, Railways, Airports, Ports, Mass Transport, Waterways, and Logistics Infrastructure. This approach is powered by Clean Energy and Sabka Prayas leading to huge job and entrepreneurial opportunities for all. The Government has put emphasis on railways, roads, urban transport, power, telecom, textiles and affordable housing amid continued focus on the National Infrastructure Pipeline. Budget 2021-22 launched Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes, with an outlay of Rs. 1.97 lakh crore, for a period of 5 years starting from 2021-22. All these initiatives are expected to collectively generate employment and boost output in the medium to long term through multiplier-effects.

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 etc. for employment generation.

Besides these initiatives, various flagship programmes of the Government such as Make in India, Start-up India, Digital India, Smart City Mission, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation, Housing for All, Infrastructure Development and Industrial Corridors are also oriented towards generating employment opportunities.

Effectiveness of various schemes is reviewed from time to time. As per the Economic Survey 2021-22, during Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2019-20 (survey period from July 2019 to June 2020), employment at usual status continued to expand as compared to previous year and between 2018-19 and 2019-20, about 4.75 crore additional persons joined the workforce.

The year-wise details of employment opportunities provided in the State of Tamil Nadu as a result of implementation of various schemes during the last three years is at Annexure.

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Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (d) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. *305 due for reply on 31.03.2022

Employment opportunities in Tamil Nadu under various Employment Generation

Schemes/ Programmes.

SI.	Name of Scheme	Year		
No.		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	PrimeMinister'sEmploymentGenerationProgramme (PMEGP)(Estimatedemploymentgenerated in number)	41,480	41,376	41,504
2	MahatmaGandhiNationalRuralEmploymentGuaranteeScheme(MGNREGS){Persondaysgenerated (inlakh)}	2,577	2,485	3,339
3	Deen Dayal Upadhaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) (No. of candidates placed)	185	3,324	1,286
4	Deen Dayal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban	No. of Skilled Candidates Placed		
	Livelihoods Mission (DAY- NULM)	3,070	325	1,502
		No. of beneficiaries assisted for setting up Individual/ Group micro enterprises		
		47,156	36,983	49,642
5	Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (No. of Accounts)	74,40,662	71,20,992	49,47,732

Source: Concerned Ministries/Department