

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3236**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 09<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

**CONDITION OF UNEMPLOYMENT**

**3236. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that unemployment rate across the country has become high at great extent for the last five years;**
- (b) if so, whether the Government has conducted any study about the condition of unemployment and the reason behind such social menace;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and whether the Government has also fixed any target to manage the alarming unemployment rate across the country; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (d): Labour Force surveys on employment and unemployment are conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The last such survey, annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) was conducted during 2017-18. In addition, Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment also conducted annual employment-unemployment survey. As per the result of surveys, the estimated unemployment rate on usual status (principal status + subsidiary status) basis for the persons of age 15 years and above to the extent available is given below:**

<b>Survey*</b>	<b>Unemployment Rate</b>
<b>2017-18 (PLFS)</b>	<b>6.0%</b>
<b>2015-16 (Labour Bureau)</b>	<b>3.7%</b>
<b>2013-14 (Labour Bureau)</b>	<b>3.4%</b>

**(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 schemes such as 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).**

**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 with an outlay of 12,000 crore.**

**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 (NCS) 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 to job seekers.**

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