

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3306  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2021**

**GENERATION OF ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

**3306. SHRI G.C. CHANDRASHEKHAR:**

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

- (a) the percentage of youths unemployed in the country by the end of 2020;**
- (b) the action taken to generate jobs for the unemployed persons during the period 2019-2020; and**
- (c) whether a new strategy is proposed to be adopted to create additional employment in the 13th Five Year Plan period particularly in rural areas?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (c): 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 results of PLFS, the unemployment rate for persons of 15 years and above on usual status (principal status + subsidiary status) basis in the country during 2018-19 was 5.8%.**

**With the Planning Commission dissolved and formation of NITI Aayog, no more formal Five Year Plans are made. 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).**

**Wage under MGNREGS has been increased from Rs. 182 per day to Rs. 202. During 2020-21 (as on 22/3/2021), 373.57 crore persondays are generated under MGNREGS.**

**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.**

**Aatmanirbhar Bharat RozgarYojna (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.**

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

**Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) has been initiated by the Government inter alia, for facilitating self-employment. Under PMMY collateral free loans uptoRs. 10 lakh, are extended to micro/small business enterprises and to individuals to enable them to setup or expand their business activities.**

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