

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3608  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019**

**EMPLOYMENT SCENARIO IN THE COUNTRY**

**3608. SHRI ANIL DESAI:**

- (a) what is the employment scenario in the country at present;**
- (b) how many educated persons are still in search of employment; and**
- (c) how many jobs for educated and uneducated persons have been created during last three years?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b): As per the result of Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted during 2017-18 by National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the estimated Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), Worker Population Ratio (WPR) and Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status (principal status+subsidiary status) basis for persons of age 15 years and above in the country was 49.8%, 46.8% and 6% respectively. Moreover, the unemployment rate for educated persons age 15 years and above (educational level secondary & above) was 11.4% during the same period.**

**(c): 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). Details of the employment generated through these schemes/ programmes are given below:**

<b>Employment Generated</b>			
<b>Schemes/Year</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
<b>Estimated employment generated under PMEGP (in lakh)</b>	<b>4.08</b>	<b>3.87</b>	<b>5.87 (till 31-03-2019)</b>
<b>Persondays Generated under MGNREGS (in crore)</b>	<b>235.64</b>	<b>233.74</b>	<b>267.9 (till May, 2019)</b>
<b>Candidates placed under DDU-GKY (in lakh)</b>	<b>1.48</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>1.36 (till May, 2019)</b>
<b>Placement under DAY-NULM (in lakh)</b>	<b>1.52</b>	<b>1.15</b>	<b>1.63 (till 18-06-2019)</b>

**Source: Respective Ministry**

**Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY) has been launched by the Ministry of Labour and Employment for incentivising employers for promoting employment generation. Under this scheme, Government is paying entire employer's contribution (12% or as admissible) towards EPF and EPS for all eligible new employees for all sectors for 3 years. Till 01-07-2019, the scheme has covered 1,52,035 establishments and 1.21 crore beneficiaries.**

**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. Upto 31st March, 2019, 18.26 crore loans were sanctioned under the scheme.**

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