

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3635
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15TH JULY, 2019

NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT POLICY

3635. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

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

- (a) whether the number of unemployed persons is increasing in the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government is taking any concrete steps to formulate the National Employment Policy in the country;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(a) As per the results of available labour force surveys on Employment Unemployment conducted by Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment, the estimated unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above on Usual Principal & Subsidiary Status (UPSS) (Principal Status + Subsidiary Status)approach basis in the country in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2015-16 was 4.0%, 3.4% and 3.7% respectively. As per , Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)* which was conducted during 2017-18 by National Statistical Office, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, estimated unemployment rate on usual status (principal status+subsidiary status) basis for persons aged 15 years and above was 6.0%.

***Note: For comparability, the results of the PLFS need to be understood in the context with which survey methodology and sample selection has been designed.**

(b) to (d): An Inter-Ministerial Committee was constituted to draft the National Employment Policy and consultations were held with various stakeholders like Ministries, State Governments, Trade Unions, Industry Associations, ILO etc. for inputs to the Policy.

The proposed draft policy inter-alia purports to address macro-economic policy issues, sectoral policy issues, labour policy issues, micro and small enterprises' issues, skill development issues, issues relating to women and vulnerable workers and incorporate suggestions for improving employment opportunities.