

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 379
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH JUNE, 2019**

EMPLOYMENT DATA

379. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has recently released the employment data in the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether it is a fact that unemployment in the country has increased manifold as compared to the previous year and if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) the sectors which are lagging behind in providing employment and the extent to which GST and demonetisation has affected employment opportunities in the country;**
- (d) whether the Government has any plan for the next three years to increase employment generation in the country; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the further action taken or being taken in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

(a& b): A Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) was conducted during 2017-18 by National Sample Survey Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The survey report has recently been released by the Government. As per the results of the survey, the estimated unemployment rate on usual status (ps+ss) basis for persons of all ages in the country is given below:

Unemployment Rate (in %)			
Survey Year	Male	Female	Person
2017-18* (PLFS)	6.2	5.7	6.1
2011-12 (NSS 68th round)	2.1	2.4	2.2
2009-10 (NSS 66th round)	2.0	2.3	2.0
2004-05 (NSS 61st round)	2.2	2.6	2.3

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

(c): National Sample Survey Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation conducted labour force survey on employment and unemployment during the year 2011-12 and PLFS during 2017-18. The estimate workforce by major sectors during these period is given below:

Estimated Workforce by Major Sectors		
Sectors	2011-12 (NSS 68th round)	2017-18* (PLFS)
Primary	48.9%	44.1%
Secondary	24.3%	24.8%
Tertiary	26.8%	31.1%

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

(d) & (e): 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 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 Deendyal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM).

Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana 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.

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) has been initiated since April, 2015 by Government for facilitating self-employment. Under PMMY collateral free loans uptoRs. 10 lakh, are extended to small/micro business enterprises and to individuals to enable them to setup or expand their business activities.

Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) is the flagship scheme of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE). The objective of this Skill Certification Scheme is to enable a large number of Indian youth to take up industry-relevant skill training that will help them in securing a better livelihood.

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.
