

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 390  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019**

**DECLINING RATE OF FORMAL EMPLOYMENT GROWTH**

**390. SHRI AHAMED HASSAN:**

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

- (a) whether there is decline in the growth rate of formal employment in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof for last three years; and**
- (c) the steps undertaken by Government to increase rate of formal employment growth during last three years?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (c) As per the results of available Labour force surveys on employment and unemployment conducted by Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour & Employment, the estimates of Worker Population Ratio (WPR) based on Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status (UPSS) approach for persons aged 15 years and above was 51.0% in 2012-13, 53.7% in 2013-14 and 50.5% in 2015-16.**

**Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY) has been launched by the Ministry of Labour & Employment for incentivizing 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 three years. Till 28.01.2019, more than 1.05 crore employees have been benefitted through 1.30 lakh establishments under this scheme.**

**Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority of the Government. The Government is implementing various programs in this direction like 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 Deendayal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM).**

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