

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.39
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14THSEPTEMBER, 2020

GROWTH IN JOBS

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

- (a) the growth in jobs vis-à-vis economic growth of the country in terms of percentage during the last three years along with the reasons for dismal growth in employment generation;**
- (b) whether his ministry has decided to fast-track the proposed National Employment Policy (NEP) which aims at the formalization of the country's 500 million workforce which includes migrants, to ensure social security and jobs;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the present status and achievement made so far;**
- (d) the reasons and failure of the government for not evolving and all-encompassing National Employment Policy keeping in view the current employment situation in the country due to Covid-19 pandemic; and**
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to assess and monitor the employment scenario in the country on real-time basis in view of Covid-19 pandemic?**

ANSWER

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

- (a) (i)As per the results of Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted during 2017-18 and 2018-19 by National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation , the estimated Worker Population Ratio(WPR) on usual status (principal status + subsidiary status) basis for the persons of age 15 years and above to the extent available is given below:**

Worker Population Ratio (in %)	
Year & Survey	All - India
2018-19(PLFS)	47.3%
2017-18 (PLFS)	46.8%

(ii) The annual GDP Growth Rate during the three years at constant (2011-12) prices, is given below:

Year	GDP Growth Rate (in %)
2019-20	4.2
2018-19	6.1
2017-18	7.0

(b) to (d) : The Government of India has made efforts for evolving a National Employment Policy. The proposed policy inter-alia purports to address macroeconomic policy issues, sectoral policy issues, Labour policy, micro and small enterprises' issues, skill development issues, issues relating to women and vulnerable workers and incorporate suggestions for improving employment opportunities. Consultations have been held with various stakeholders like Ministries, State Governments, Trade Unions, Industry Associations etc. for inputs to the Policy.

However, the global spread of the corona virus (COVID-19) followed by lockdowns has affected global economies including India. The outbreak of Novel Corona virus (COVID-19), first in China and now having being spread in most of the countries of the world, has emerged as a key risk to human health as well as global growth outlook through numerous channels like trade, production and supply chain disruptions; decline in demand; lower tourism and business travel and productivity losses. Unforeseen problems of a large number of migrant workers, gig workers and loss of jobs have also been observed in India during this period. Such unprecedented times compel for overall relook into the paper on national employment policy and its alignment with the recent unforeseen developments and different sectoral policies.

(e) Central Government has announced an economic package of Rupees 20 lac crores and Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has advocated for a Atamnirbhar Bharat. A Working Group of Ministers(GoM) under the chairmanship of Shri Thaawar Chand Gehlot, Hon'ble Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment has been formed to work upon the modalities for skill development and enhancing employment generation in the context new economic situation faced by the country due to Covid-19 crisis.
