

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 440
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05TH FEBRUARY, 2020**

RISING UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

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

- (a) whether the unemployment rate has risen to 7.2 per cent in February 2019, which is the lowest in the last 28 months and the labour force has come down to 25.7 million since September, 2016 and the number of people who got employment has come down from 18.3 million;**
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) the total number of people who got employment in February, 2017 and February, 2019 respectively; and**
- (d) the details of the efforts made to minimise unemployment by creating more job-opportunities?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): As per the results of annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation during 2017-18 and employment-unemployment survey conducted by Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment, the estimated labour force participation rate, worker population ratio and unemployment rate on usual status (principal status + subsidiary status) basis for the persons of age 15 years and above to the extent available in the country is given below:

Labour Force Indicators	2017-18(PLFS)	2015-16 (Labour Bureau)
Labour Force Participation Rate	49.8%	52.4%
Worker Population Ratio	46.8%	50.5%
Unemployment Rate	6.0%	3.7%

(Note: Survey methodology and sample selection are different in PLFS and Labour Bureau survey)

(c) & (d): 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) run by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, respectively. Employment generated through these schemes/programmes in country to the extent available is given below:

Schemes/Year	2017-18	2018-19
Employment generated under PMEGP (in lakh)	3.87	5.87
Persondays Generated under MGNREGS (in crore)	233.74	268.00
Candidates placed under DDU-GKY (in lakh)	0.76	1.36
Placement under DAY-NULM (in lakh)	1.15	1.63

Source: Concerned Ministries

Under Skill India Mission, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship is implementing a flagship scheme known as the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 2016-20 with an objective to provide skilling to one crore people under Short Term Training (STT) and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) across the country for four years i.e. 2016-2020. As on 17-01-2020, 16.6 lakh (appx.) candidates have been placed across the country under PMKVY.

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.

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.
