

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 573  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2019**

**RISE IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**

**573. SHRI RAM KUMAR KASHYAP:**

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

- (a) whether the unemployment rate rose to 7.2 per cent in February 2019, the worst in 28 months and the labour force is down 25.7 million since September, 2016 and the number of employed persons has declined by 18.3 million in the same period;**
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) the total number of employed persons in February, 2017 and 2019; and**
- (d) the details of measures taken to create more job opportunities to bring down unemployment?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (c): As per the results of Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by National Sample Survey Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation during 2017-18, the estimated Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), Worker Population Ratio (WPR) and Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status (ps+ss) basis for the persons of all ages in the country is given below:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>2017-18* (PLFS)</b>	<b>2011-12 (NSS 68<sup>th</sup> round)</b>
<b>Labour Force Participation Rate</b>	<b>36.9</b>	<b>39.5</b>
<b>Worker Population Ratio</b>	<b>34.7</b>	<b>38.6</b>
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>

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

**(d): 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 upto Rs. 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 for job seekers.**

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