

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.83**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON 14<sup>th</sup>SEPTEMBER, 2020**

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**

**83. SHRI SANTOKH SINGH CHAUDHARY:**

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

- (a) the unemployment rate in the country;**
- (b) the number of persons who have lost their employment in India during the year 2020 both in the formal and informal sector, sector and state wise;**
- (c) the number of persons who have lost their employment during the year 2020 in rural and urban areas, area wise; and**
- (d) the detail of steps taken by the Government to provide employment to people of the country?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a to c): Annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) on employment and unemployment are conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The information to the extent available based on the last such survey conducted during 2018-19 where the estimated unemployment rate and on usual status (principal status + subsidiary status) basis in the country was 5.8% and it was 5.0% for rural area and 7.7% for urban area.**

**(d): Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country like 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 Deen dayal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM).**

**In order to mitigate the challenges in the labour market due to Covid-19 and the consequent lockdown of the economy, online job fairs are being organized through National Career Service (NCS) portal, Ministry of Labour and Employment to bridge the gap between job aspirants and employers where the complete cycle from job posting to selection of candidate can be completed on the portal. A Special link for Work from Home Jobs and Online Trainings has been created on NCS portal Home Page to give direct access to job-seekers to such jobs. All services on NCS are free.**

**To boost employment and livelihood opportunities for migrant workers returning to villages, in the wake of Covid-19 outbreak, Government of India has launched Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan on 20th June 2020. Abhiyaan focuses on developing rural infrastructure and providing modern facilities like internet in the villages.**

**Government of India has launched PM- SVA Nidhi Scheme to facilitate collateral free working capital loan upto Rs.10,000/- of one-year tenure, to approximately, 50 lakh street vendors, to resume their businesses.**

**Under AatmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan, The Government has earmarked an additional Rs. 40,000 crore under MGNREGS. It will help generate nearly 300 crore person days in total addressing need for more work including returning migrant workers in Monsoon season as well.**

**To provide relief to the business, additional working capital finance of 20% of the outstanding credit as on 29th February 2020, in the form of a Term Loan at a concessional rate of interest is being provided. The units will not have to provide any guarantee or collateral of their own.**