

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 01ST AUGUST, 2024

GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT

1207. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

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

- (a) whether Government has the data regarding the current rate of youth unemployment in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether it is a fact that the National Recruitment Agency (NRA) has not conducted a single exam in the last four years;**
- (d) if so, the reasons behind the same; and**
- (e) the Government's plans to create more jobs in the country and reduce the unemployment level?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)

(a) to (e): The data on Employment and Unemployment is collected through Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) which is conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017-18. The survey period is July to June every year.

As per the data available in latest Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for youth of age 15-29 years was 10.0% during the year 2022-23.

National Recruitment Agency (NRA) is conducting a detailed study of the prevalent recruitment systems in Central and State Governments and the procedure followed by various Public Examination Authorities (PEAs) for conduct of examination and also examining the issues which are likely to arise in the new examination system and address them ab initio so as to conduct a free and fair examination. NRA is also in the process of developing protocols and policy frameworks to address various issues associated with conduct of new examination system as well as evolving effective means for ensuring compliance of Normative Standards and Guidelines by all concerned.

Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority of the Government. Accordingly, the Government of India has taken various steps for generating employment in the country.

The various Ministries/ Departments of Government of India like Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology etc. are implementing different employment generation schemes/ programmes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Rural Self Employment and Training Institutes (RSETIs), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), etc., including increase in capital expenditure, to boost employment creation. The details of various employment generation schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government of India may be seen at https://dge.gov.in/dge/schemes_programmes
