GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2175 TO BE ANSWERED ON 05TH AUGUST, 2024

UNEMPLOYED YOUTH IN THE COUNTRY

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

- (a) whether the Government has data regarding the number of unemployed youth in the country, if so, the details thereof especially from Nandyal Lok Sabha constituency in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government to reduce the unemployment rate amongst youth in the country;
- (c) whether it is a fact that large number of people today are shifting from agriculture to service sectors, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any scientific study has been conducted in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the labourers migrating from Nandyal Lok Sabha constituency to other regions of the country for work?

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 2022-23 respectively. The PLFS report releases Unemployment Rate (UR) State/UT wise as well as at all India basis.

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., which, alongwith increase in capital expenditure, seeks to boost employment creation. The details of various employment generation schemes/programmes being the Government of India implemented by may be seen at https://dge.gov.in/dge/schemes_programmes.

Further, Government announced in the Budget 2024-25, the Prime Minister's package of 5 schemes and initiatives to facilitate employment, skilling and other opportunities for 4.1 crore youth over a 5-year period with a central outlay of Rs. 2 lakh crore.

As per the data available in latest Annual PLFS Reports, the percentage distribution of workers in usual status in agriculture sector was 45.8% in 2022-23.

Further, as per the data available in latest Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Labour Foce Participation Rate (LFPR) on usual status for youth of age 15-29 years, during 2017-18, to 2022-23 has an increasing trend, both in the State of Andhra Pradesh including Nandyal Lok Sabha constituency and in the country, as per table below:

		(%)
Year	Andhra	All India
	Pradesh	
2018-19	45.0	38.1
2019-20	47.4	40.9
2020-21	47.5	41.1
2021-22	47.9	42.0
2022-23	48.2	44.5
Source: PLFS		

The above data indicates that more young people are joining labour force in Andhra Pradesh as well as in the country