GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1098 TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 2025

STATUS OF EMPLOYMENT

1098. SHRI RAM SHIROMANI VERMA: SHRI RAMASHANKAR RAJBHAR:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that there has been tremendous increase in the number of registered unemployed persons in the country during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to address unemployment and to promote labour skill in the country during the last five years and the current year;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any survey regarding loss of jobs in various sectors during the last five years; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): The official 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 latest available Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above has decreased from 4.8% in 2019-20 to 3.2% in 2023-24.

State/UT-wise details are available in the PLFS reports which may be seen at the website of MoSPI at https://www.mospi.gov.in/downloadreports?main_cat=ODU5&cat=All&sub_category=All

Employment generation coupled with improving employability is a priority of Government. Various steps to expand job opportunities through various employment generation schemes/ programmes have been taken, such as: Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDUGKY), Rural Self Employment and Training Institutes (RSETIS), Standup India, Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), Production Linked Incentive (PLI), Make in India, Startup India etc., which, along with increase in capital expenditure, seeks to boost employment creation, increase production and productivity. 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.

Government is implementing Skill India Mission (SIM) to deliver skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres/ schools/ colleges /institutes etc. under various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs). The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready, equipped with industry relevant skills.

Further, Government announced in the Budget 2024-25, 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 crores.
