

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2983**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**RISING UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN 2018**

**2983. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India's unemployment rate is on the rise in 2018 creating more joblessness;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**
- (c) the measures adopted by Government to curb unemployment and generate employment; and**
- (d) the sector-wise details of employment generation?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b): As per the results from last three available labour force surveys on Employment-Unemployment conducted by Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment, the estimated unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above on usual status basis in the country in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2015-16 was 4.0%, 3.4% and 3.7% respectively.**

**(c): The Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority concern of the Government. The Government is implementing various programs in this direction 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).**

**In order to improve the employability of youth, around 22 Ministries/Departments run skill development schemes across various sectors.**

**MUDRA and Start-Ups schemes are initiated by the Government for facilitating self-employment.**

**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.**

**A new Scheme Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY) has been launched by the Government in the year 2016-17 for incentivizing industry for promoting employment generation.**

**(d): As per the results from available labour force survey on Employment-Unemployment conducted in 2015-16 by Labour Bureau, the estimated sector-wise distribution of employed persons for aged 15 years and above on usual status basis in the country in 2015-16 is given below:**

<b>Sector</b>	<b>Distribution of employed persons</b>
<b>Primary</b>	<b>47.3%</b>
<b>Secondary</b>	<b>21.9%</b>
<b>Tertiary</b>	<b>30.8%</b>

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