

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3017
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2018**

JOB LOSS IN APRIL-JUNE QUARTER OF 2017

3017. SHRI MD. NADIMUL HAQUE:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware that there has been a loss of 87,000 jobs in April-June quarter of 2017 according to sixth round of Quarterly Employment Survey released by Labour Bureau in February, 2018; and**
- (b) what steps have been taken by Government to improve the growth rates in employment in view of rapidly increasing workforce, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a): As per the sixth round of Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) released by Labour Bureau, which measures relative change in employment situation over successive quarters in eight sectors of Non-farm Industrial economy viz. Manufacturing, Construction, Trade, Transport, Education, Health, Accommodation & Restaurants and IT/BPO, having 10 or more workers, there has been an overall increase of 64,000 jobs during the April-June quarter of 2017. The 6th round survey data also indicates a fall in manufacturing sector employment to the tune of 87,000. This may be due to seasonal activities of manufacturing units during the monsoon period.

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(b): Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country like encouraging private sector of economy, fast tracking various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes such as Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Gaurantee Scheme (MGNREGA), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojna (DDU-GKY), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), Make In India, Skill India, Start-up India, Digital India.

Government has also decided to strategically promote labour-intensive manufacturing and expand employment opportunities by promoting tourism and agro-based industries.

A new Scheme "Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojna" has been initiated by the Ministry of Labour and Employment in the year 2016-17 for incentivizing industry for promoting employment generation. Under this scheme employers would be provided an incentive to enhance employment where the Government will pay the employer's contribution of 8.33% Employees Pension Schemes (EPS) made to new employees. In Textile (apparel and made-ups) sectors, the Government in addition will also pay the 3.67 % EPF contribution of employers. Government has announced a booster package of Rs. 6000 crores for the textile sector which is an employment intensive sector.

Government has also implemented the National Career Service having a portal (www.ncs.gov.in) for online registration and posting of jobs-seekers and provide other employment related services.