

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2508
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08TH AUGUST, 2018**

UNEMPLOYED YOUTH IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR

2508. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY:

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

- (a) the details of number of unemployed youth in Jammu and Kashmir State for the last three years, district/number/year/education and cost-wise;**
- (b) what are the main reasons for unemployment in Jammu and Kashmir;**
- (c) whether Government is making any plan/policy for employment in Jammu and Kashmir State; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) : As per the result of available labour force surveys on Employment-Unemployment conducted by Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment, the estimated unemployment rate for persons (aged 18-29 years) on usual principal status approach in Jammu and Kashmir during 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2015-16 was 28.5%, 17.8%, and 16.2% respectively. The distribution of unemployed by educational classification is given below:

Distribution of Unemployed Youth by educational classification in Jammu and Kashmir			
Education classification	2012-13	2013-14	2015-16
Primary	1.4%	6.9%	1.6%
Middle/Secondary/Higher Secondary	9.3%	9.4%	3.2%
Graduate & above	21.5%	13.7%	17.2%

(b) to (d): Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority of the Government. Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country including in Jammu and Kashmir, 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).

Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana has been launched by the Ministry of Labour and Employment for incentivising employers for promoting employment generation. Under this scheme, Government is paying entire employer's contribution (12% or as admissible) towards EPF and EPS for all eligible new employees for all sectors for 3 years.

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) has been initiated by Government for facilitating self-employment. Under PMMY collateral free loans upto Rs. 10 lakh, are extended to small/micro business enterprises and to individuals to enable them to setup or expand their business activities.
