

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 708**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26TH JULY, 2023/ SRAVANA 4, 1945 (SAKA)

UNEMPLOYMENT IN J&K

708. Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after revocation of Article 370, Government had promised that this act will usher in a new dawn in the region and help in the development of the youth there, with then Governor announcing 50,000 jobs in various Government Departments for Kashmiri locals;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether as per a report titled Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) April-June 2021 released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, unemployment figures among educated youth in Jammu and Kashmir has reached 46.3 per cent, second highest in the country and if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

(a) & (b): The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has carried out several governance reforms, including in the area of recruitments in Government. After abrogation of Article 370, large scale recruitment drive has been carried out and the Government of Jammu and Kashmir has filled 29,295 vacancies. Recruiting agencies have advertised 7924

vacancies and examinations in respect of 2504 vacancies have been conducted.

The identification of vacancies in the Government and recruitment is a continuous and on-going process. The same is taken up under Accelerated Recruitment Drive.

The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has taken various initiatives to bring down un-employment by implementing various self employment schemes through different departments by providing subsidized loans for establishment of their own sustainable income generation units.

A number of self employment schemes like Mission Youth, Rural Livelihood Mission, Himayat, PMEGP, Avsar, Tejaswani are being implemented for providing employment opportunities.

(c) : From the results of Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), estimates of unemployment rate is not available specifically for the educated youth in Jammu and Kashmir for the period April-June 2021.

However, from the PLFS conducted by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) during July 2020-June 2021, estimate of unemployment rate according to usual status among the persons of age group 15-29 years for Jammu and Kashmir was 18.3 per cent.