

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2024

**DECREASING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION
SECTOR**

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

- (a) the steps being taken by Government to improve employment share in the construction sector which was 12.8 per cent in 2012 and declined to 11.4 per cent in 2024 as per Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) report;**
- (b) the strategy devised to curb the alarming rise in unpaid family labour in agriculture, which has been recorded as employment in the PLFS survey;**
- (c) the reasons for the lack of growth in the share of employment in the construction sector over the last five years; and**
- (d) the impact of the Central Government schemes like Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana on unemployment trends in rural areas?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The official data source on Employment and Unemployment is 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 percentage distribution of workers in usual status by broad industry division in the construction sector was 11.7% in 2017-18 and increased to 12% in 2023-24.

Further, a positive trend in employment in construction sector can also be seen from the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) latest KLEMS (K: Capital, L: Labour, E: Energy, M: Materials and S: Services) data which shows that the employment in construction sector increased from 5.47 crore in 2017-18 to 7.47 crore in 2022-23.

Employment generation coupled with improving employability in all sector including construction is a priority of Government and is a continuous and dynamic process. Accordingly, various Ministries/ Departments have taken measures like Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), Stand-UP India Scheme, Startup India, Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Rural Self Employment and Training Institutes (RSETIs), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), Production Linked Incentive (PLI), etc. 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.

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) is implementing flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), since 2015, for imparting skill development training through Short-Term Training (STT) and up-skilling and re-skilling through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) to youth across the country. Under the scheme, more than 1.57 crore candidates have been trained and 24.37 lakh candidates have been reported placed across the country including rural areas since 2015 till 31.10.2024.
