

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2973
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH AUGUST, 2026**

EMPLOYMENT GENERATION IN GUJARAT AND MAHARASHTRA

2973. SHRI BABUBHAI JESANGBHAI DESAI:

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

- (a) whether Government has reviewed employment generation under various Central employment and livelihood schemes, particularly in Gujarat and Maharashtra, during the last three years and the current year;**
- (b) if so, the district-wise details of beneficiaries, scheme-wise, in both the States;**
- (c) the details of funds released and utilised under these schemes during the said period, district-wise; and**
- (d) the measures taken by Government to promote formal employment, enhance social security coverage, improve skill-linked placements and increase sustainable employment opportunities in those States?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Official estimates of employment and unemployment in India are derived from the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017–18. The PLFS methodology was revamped with effect from January 2025, with the introduction of monthly employment and unemployment estimates as one of its key revisions.

As per latest PLFS report 2025, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR) indicating employment on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above in the State of Gujarat has increased from 59.1% in 2022 to 64.6% in 2025 and the Unemployment Rate (UR) has decreased from 1.8% in 2022 to 0.9% in 2025. Further, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR) for the State of Maharashtra has increased from 56.2% in 2022 to 58.0% in 2025 and the Unemployment Rate (UR) has decreased from 3.4% in 2022 to 2.4 % in 2025.

Employment generation coupled with improving employability is a priority of the Government. Accordingly, Government is implementing various employment generation schemes/ programmes in the country including the State of Gujarat and Maharashtra. The details of various employment generation schemes/programmes being implemented by the Government may be seen at https://dge.gov.in/schemes_programmes.

The employment generated through select schemes of Central Government in the State of Gujarat and Maharashtra is at Annexure.

Budgetary allocations and expenditure under various schemes are as per provision of the scheme and are available at <https://www.indiabudget.gov.in/doc/eb/allsbef.pdf>.

Additionally, Government is also implementing Skill India Mission (SIM) to deliver skill, re-skill and up-skill training through an extensive network of skill development centres/ schools/ colleges /institutes etc. under various schemes, viz. Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS), National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in the country. The SIM aims at enabling youth of India to get future ready, equipped with industry relevant skills.

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has initiated 'FutureSkills PRIME' a programme for Re-skilling/Up-skilling of IT Manpower for Employability in 10 new/emerging technologies including Artificial Intelligence.

The Ministry of MSME launched Udyam Registration Portal on 01.07.2020 for formalizing enterprises, expanding access to government support and strengthening the MSME ecosystem. A total of 8.9 crore Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) have been registered on Udyam Registration Portal, including Udyam Assist Platform (UAP), providing employment to over 39 crore people across the country.

Also, the Government is implementing Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) Scheme named as the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana to support employment generation, enhance employability and social security across all sectors, with special focus on the manufacturing sector. The scheme with an outlay of Rs 99,446

Crore aims to incentivize the creation of more than 3.5 Crore jobs in the country, over a period of 2 years.

The PMVBRY is a demand-driven scheme. Since the implementation of the scheme, an incentive amount of ₹49.69 crore has been disbursed to 87,381 first-time employees under Part A, while ₹163.14 crore has been disbursed to 5794 beneficiary establishments under Part B of the scheme, up to June 2026, in the State of Gujarat. Further, in the State of Maharashtra, up to June 2026, an incentive amount of ₹149.42 crore has been disbursed to 2.49 lakh first-time employees under Part A, while ₹435.95 crore has been disbursed to 12,704 beneficiary establishments under Part B of the scheme.

Further, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India, is running the National Career Service (NCS) Portal which is a one-stop solution for providing career related services including jobs from private and government sectors, information on online & offline job fairs, job search & matching, career counselling, vocational guidance, information on skill development courses, skill/training programmes etc. through a digital platform [www.ncs.gov.in].

The Code on Social Security, 2020 has come into force on 21.11.2025 with the objective to consolidate and simplify the existing social security laws into a single framework and to extend social security coverage to all workers, including organized, unorganized, gig, platform, and self-employed workers, by ensuring universal access to social security benefits, promoting portability of benefits across employments and States, enabling the Central and State Governments to frame appropriate schemes, leveraging technology for efficient delivery, and clearly defining the roles of governments, employers, and aggregators in order to provide comprehensive social protection to the workforce in line with evolving labour market conditions.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply of part (a) to (d) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2973 due for reply on 13.08.2026.

Employment generation/ beneficiaries in Central Schemes in the State of Gujarat and Maharashtra

(Figures in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of scheme/programme	Gujarat	Maharashtra
1	Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) (No. of Loan A/Cs from 08.04.2015 to 26.06.2026 (provisional))	178.86	470.29
2	Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi Scheme) (No. of Loans Sanctioned from FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26)	6.95	11.61
3	Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) (Number of Estimated Employment during FY 2008-09 to FY 2025-26)	3.19	4.50
4	Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM G) (Persondays Generated during the period from 01st July, 2026 to 23rd July, 2026)	2.44	17.38
5	Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs) (No. of candidates settled since inception till Jan, 2026)	2.59	2.55

Source: Concerned Ministry