

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 668

TO BE ANSWERED ON JULY 19, 2017

URBAN UNEMPLOYMENT

NO. 668 SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:

SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI PATIL:

SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:

WILL the MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether migration of a large number of people to urban areas from rural areas is on the major reasons of urban unemployment and if so; the details thereof;
- (b) whether growth of economic opportunities in urban areas is not in conformity with volume of migration and if so the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to generate employment opportunities and to improve capacity of urban areas to adopt sharp rise in urban labour force?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN AFFAIRS

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) to (b) Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs does not have any data which supports the contention that migration to urban areas from rural areas is the main reason for urban unemployment.

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(c) This Ministry is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, "Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)" to reduce poverty and vulnerability of the urban poor households by enabling them to access gainful self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities, resulting in an appreciable improvement in their livelihoods on a sustainable basis. The Mission has been extended to all statutory towns in the country in February, 2016. Besides, the Government has increased public expenditure on Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) run by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises. Government has also decided to strategically promote labour-intensive manufacturing and expand employment opportunities by promoting tourism and agro-based industries. "Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana" is being implemented by the Ministry of Labour & Employment with the objective of promoting employment generation. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has been established to enhance skilling programme and to coordinate skilling activities across Ministries.
