

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *31
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH DECEMBER, 2017**

WORKING-AGE POPULATION

***31. DR. BHAGIRATH PRASAD:**

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

- (a) the details and ratio of working-age population to non-working age population of India in comparison to China, Korea, and Brazil at present;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to improve the ratio of working-age population in the country by 2030; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve the quality of human resource for increasing productivity in the country?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *31 DUE FOR REPLY ON 18.12.2017 BY DR. BHAGIRATH PRASAD, M.P. REGARDING “WORKING-AGE POPULATION”.

(a) to (c): International Labour Organisation (ILO) defines Working Age as persons of the age 15 years and above. As per International Labour Organisation (ILO) estimates, the details of ratio of working-age population to non-working age population of India during 2016 and projections upto 2030 in comparison to China, Korea, and Brazil at present are at Annex. As per the Census 2011, the ratio of population of 15 years and above to below 15 years is 2.25. It can be observed that India has a favourable demographic dividend in the form of working age population in comparison to the countries mentioned in the question.

In order to improve the quality of human resources, the Government has taken various steps for improving on employability of youth. Around 22 Ministries/Departments are running skill development schemes across various sectors. According to the data compiled by National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, 1.04 crore numbers of persons were skilled across various sectors during 2015-16. Beside this, MUDRA and START UPS scheme are being initiated by the Government for facilitating self-employment.

Annex

Annex referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *31 for answer on 18.12.2017

ILO's Comparison of working age population to the non-working age population

| 15 PLUS DEFINITION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030 |
| CHINA on 15 plus | 4.65 | 4.66 | 4.68 | 4.70 | 4.73 | 4.77 | 4.82 | 4.87 | 4.93 | 5.01 | 5.09 | 5.18 | 5.29 | 5.39 | 5.50 |
| INDIA on 15 Plus definition | 2.55 | 2.60 | 2.65 | 2.70 | 2.76 | 2.81 | 2.87 | 2.93 | 2.98 | 3.04 | 3.08 | 3.13 | 3.16 | 3.20 | 3.25 |
| KOREA on 15 Plus definition | 6.33 | 6.42 | 6.49 | 6.53 | 6.58 | 6.61 | 6.63 | 6.65 | 6.66 | 6.67 | 6.67 | 6.66 | 6.65 | 6.64 | 6.64 |
| BRAZIL on 15 Plus definition | 3.52 | 3.60 | 3.68 | 3.76 | 3.83 | 3.91 | 3.97 | 4.03 | 4.10 | 4.17 | 4.23 | 4.31 | 4.38 | 4.46 | 4.54 |

Source: United Nations Department of Economic & Social Affairs (UNDESA)