

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY & PROMOTION**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2227.
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 1ST JANUARY, 2018.**

REDUCTION OF WORKFORCE IN INDUSTRIES

2227. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that various industrial companies are substantially reducing their workforce;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial measures taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to arrest this trend?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री सी.आर. चौधरी)

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI C.R. CHAUDHARY)**

- (a) & (b): Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour & Employment, conducts Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) with the objective to measure relative change in employment situation over successive quarters in sizeable segment of Non-farm Industrial economy covering 8 major sectors viz. Manufacturing, Construction, Trade, Transport, Education, Health, Accommodation & Restaurants and IT/BPO having 10 or more workers. Findings of Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) are available only upto 31st December, 2016 (as on 1st January, 2017). The results of various rounds of QES along with sector-wise details regarding total employment under first round and change estimates of employment under 2nd, 3rd and 4th Rounds are presented as under:

Sector-wise Change of Employment					
S. No.	Sector	Level Estimates(First Round) and Change Estimates of Employment (2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th Round) (in lakh)			
		Level Estimates as on 1 April, 2016	Change Estimates (1 July, 2016 over 1 April,2016)	Change Estimates (1 Oct, 2016 over 1 July,2016)	Change Estimates (1 Jan, 2017 over 1 Oct, 2016)
1	Manufacturing	101.17	-0.12	0.24	0.83
2	Construction	3.67	-0.23	-0.01	-0.01
3	Trade	14.45	0.26	-0.07	0.07
4	Transport	5.8	0.17	0.00	0.01
5	Accommodation & Restaurant	7.74	0.01	-0.08	0.00
6	IT/ BPO	10.36	-0.16	0.26	0.12
7	Education	49.98	0.51	-0.02	0.18
8	Health	12.05	0.33	0.00	0.02
	Total	205.22	0.77	0.32	1.22

Source- Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour & Employment

- (c): Employment generation is a key priority of the Government of India. A new scheme Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojna has been launched in the year 2016-17 for incentivizing industry for promoting employment generation. Under this scheme employers would be provided an incentive to enhance employment where the Government will pay the employer's contribution of 8.33% EPS made for the new employees. In textiles (apparel) sector, the Government will also pay the 3.67% EPF contribution of employers in addition to paying the 8.33% EPS contribution. Government has also started Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) with the objective to enable a large number of Indian youth to take up industry-relevant skill training that will help them in securing a better livelihood. Government is also implementing the National Career Service (NCS) Project which comprises a digital portal that provides a nation-wide online platform for jobseekers and employers for job matching in a dynamic, efficient and responsive manner and has a repository of career content.
