

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*225
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH MARCH, 2018**

NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT POLICY

***225. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:
COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY:**

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

- (a) whether the number of unemployed is increasing in the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government is in the process of evolving an all-encompassing National Employment Policy keeping in view the current employment situation in the country;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to assess and monitor the employment scenario in the country on real-time basis?**

ANSWER

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *225 DUE FOR REPLY ON 12-03-2018 BY DR. MANOJ RAJORIA AND COL. SONARAM CHOUDHARY REGARDING "NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT POLICY".

(a): As per the results the last labour force survey on Employment-Unemployment conducted by the Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment in 2015-16, the estimated unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above on usual status basis in the country was 3.7%. The details of the Unemployment Rate based on Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status (UPSS) approach for persons aged 15 years & above based on last 4 years are as follows:

Unemployment Rate under UPSS

(in per cent)

| Survey/ Sector | Rural + Urban |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 2011-12 | 3.3 |
| 2012-13 | 4.0 |
| 2013-14 | 3.4 |
| 2015-16 | 3.7 |

(b) & (c): Yes Madam, An Inter-Ministerial Committee has been constituted to draft the National Employment Policy and consultations have been held with various stakeholders like Ministries, State Governments, Trade Unions, Industry Associations etc. for inputs to the Policy. International Labour Organisation (ILO) has recently been involved for formulation of the National Employment Policy.

(d): Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MOSPI), National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) had been conducting surveys on employment and unemployment on quinquennial basis. However, considering the need for availability of such statistics at more frequent intervals, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has launched a regular employment-unemployment survey, namely, 'Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)'. The PLFS has been launched from April, 2017 with the objective to provide quarterly changes of various indicators of the labour market for urban areas and the annual estimates of different labour force indicators for both rural and urban areas, at State/UT and all India level.
