

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2038
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.03.2018.**

EMPLOYMENT GENERATION IN ECONOMICALLY BACKWARD REGIONS

2038. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted a task force for employment generation and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken note that no new employment is generated in economically backward regions especially in Bundelkhand; and
- (c) if so, whether the Government is considering a special scheme to generate new employment opportunities in Bundelkhand and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) An Expert Taskforce on Employment and Exports was constituted under the Chairmanship of Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog to provide a major thrust to job creation by enhancing India's exports.

The Terms of Reference of the Task Force were as under:

- 1) To propose a comprehensive action plan to alleviate under-employment and low wages by boosting India's exports in key labour-intensive sectors.
- 2) To recommend sector-specific policy interventions in key employment-intensive sectors like apparel, leather and footwear and electronics.
- 3) To recommend measures to enhance trade in services which have high potential like tourism, education and health.
- 4) To identify key macroeconomic factors constraining exports and suggest ways in which to address these constraints.
- 5) To assess the effectiveness of existing schemes to promote exports.
- 6) To assess issues related to logistics, export credits and trade facilitation.
- 7) To suggest ways to enhance the availability of data on trade such that it is reliable, globally comparable and timely, particularly with respect to trade in services.
- 8) To make recommendations on any other matters referred to the Task Force by the Government of India.

The Taskforce has since submitted its report.

(b) & (c) Government of India provided a Bundelkhand package in 2009 covering a total of 13 districts in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. The package aimed at drought-proofing the region, on the one hand and undertaking complementary activities for livelihood and income generation on the other. The impact evaluation of the program has indicated improvement in productivity of crops and hence income levels. The Government of India has recently launched a Program to transform 115 Aspirational districts in the country across States (including 3 Districts in Bundelkhand region viz. Chitrakoot in U.P , Chhatarpur & Damoh in M.P) with the objective of improving health, education, nutrition, infrastructure, agriculture, financial inclusion and skill development. These would have an impact on productivity and also generate more direct and indirect employment.