

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT**  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2677**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**WORKING-AGE POPULATION**

**2677. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:**

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

- (a) the details of plans/schemes/programmes being envisaged/implemented by the Government to deal with the increase in the working-age population in the labour class with the given changing demographic structures in the country; and**
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to safeguard the interests of the unskilled labourers migrating from agricultural sector to the urban areas of the country?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & b): The Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority concern of the Government. The Government is implementing various programmes in this direction like encouraging private sector of economy, fast tracking various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and Deendyal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM).**

**MUDRA and Start-Ups schemes are initiated by the Government for facilitating self-employment. In order to improve the employability of youth, around 22 Ministries/Departments run skill development schemes across various sectors.**

**Government has implemented the National Career Service (NCS) Project which comprises a digital portal that provides a nation-wide online platform for the job seekers and employers for job-matching in a dynamic, efficient and responsive manner and has a repository of career content.**

**Further, a Scheme called Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY) has been launched by the Government in the year 2016-17 for incentivizing industry for promoting employment generation.**

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