

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2696  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**LACK OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**2696. SHRI JITENDRA CHAUDHURY:**

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

- (a) whether India continues to grapple with unemployment due to lack of adequate jobs for the youth;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;**
- (c) whether it is a fact that college, engineering and MBA graduates applied for the jobs of sweeper, watch man, driver, peon etc. in the Madhya Pradesh High Court;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether any action has been taken by the Government in this regard; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (f): Employment generation has been an important priority of the Government. Employment generation is both a cause and consequence of economic growth and is impacted by demographic shifts and technological transformations.**

**Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country 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) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM). The Make in India, Skill India, Digital India schemes are being implemented by the Government and these are likely to enhance the employment base. MUDRA and START UPS scheme are initiated by the Government for facilitating self employment.**

**Loans under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) Scheme have been extended by banks, Non Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs) to small/micro business enterprises by providing loans upto 10 lakh for manufacturing, processing, trading, services and activities allied to agriculture for promotion of self-employment.**

**A skill gap study has been conducted by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC), which indicates that there is an additional net incremental requirement of 109.73 million skilled manpower by 2022 in twenty four key sectors. The Government is implementing a number of schemes for imparting employable skills to the youth. In order to improve the employability of youth, around 22 Ministries/Departments run skill development schemes across various sectors. According to the data, as available, compiled by National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, numbers of persons skilled across various sectors were 51.88 lakh in 2012-13, 76.37 lakh in 2013-14, 76.12 lakh in 2014-15 and 104.16 lakh in 2015-16.**

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