

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.283
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th FEBURARY, 2018**

NITI AAYOG'S TASK FORCE

283. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:

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

- (a) whether the NITI Aayog's Task Force for improving employment data has submitted its report to the Government;**
- (b) if so, the details of the major recommendations/suggestions along with the reaction of the Government thereon;**
- (c) Whether the task force has suggested evaluating employment generation due to various schemes and programes such as Housing for All, PMGSY etc.; and**
- (d) If so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

(a to d): The Task Force under NITI Aayog has submitted its report in August, 2017 on improving employment data. The Task Force has inter-alia recommended that in addition to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), a new time-use survey be conducted and instituted by M/o Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) and it also explore the possibility of a targeted survey to collect data from migrant workers. It also recommended tapping administrative data from sources like Employee's Provident Fund Organization (EPFO), Employee State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), National Pension Scheme (NPS), MUDRA Loans etc., to collect data on certain category of workers. As there is no standard definition of Worker across all statutes, the Task Force also recommended to adopt a new, more pragmatic definition of formal workers.

As a follow up to the recommendation of Task Force, a meeting was held on 27-10-2017 in the PMO under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary to PM. The meeting inter-alia recommended that Quick indicators for direct/indirect reflections on the employment data to be provided at the earliest and NITI Aayog to provide the necessary framework in consultation with Secretary Labour, Secretary MoSPI and Chief Economic Adviser for giving the desired trends in employment at the earliest. Follow up action is being undertaken by NITI Aayog.