

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING**

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3167  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2018**

**TASK FORCE ON EMPLOYMENT DATA**

**3167. SHRI M.B. RAJESH:**

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up a task force on employment data and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the task force has submitted its report;
- (c) if so, the major recommendations made in the report;
- (d) whether the Government has accepted all the recommendations; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the present status of the said recommendations?

**ANSWER**

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

**(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)**

(a) The Government of India appointed a Task Force on Improving Employment Data on May 11, 2017 under the Chairmanship of Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog. The Task Force was tasked to assess the existing data systems and sources that provide information on jobs and job creation; identify alternate sources that could provide data on jobs and job creation and recommend mechanism (s) for capturing information on jobs and job creation on a regular basis for both informal and formal sector and making recommendations on changes to existing schemes, legislation and rules to facilitate exchange of information on jobs/employment across platforms and strengthening of the available infrastructure.

(b) & (c) The Taskforce has since submitted its report. The major recommendations of the report include conducting annual Monthly Household Surveys on employment and unemployment; time-use survey, migrant workers' survey and Enterprise Survey using Goods and Services Tax Network framework. The report recommends use of administrative datasets from Employee Provident Fund Organisation, Employee State Insurance Corporation, National Pension System etc. for tracking progress on formalisation of workforce and use of data on Government Schemes involving public investment in infrastructure, loans etc. The report also recommends enhanced use of technology in surveys, the setting-up of a Central Server for all Government Data, eliminating duplication in surveys and harmonisation of reports.

(d) & (e) The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has initiated the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS). MoSPI is also undertaking a preliminary exercise for estimating employment generation through Government schemes and setting up a National Data Warehouse on Official Statistics. Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment proposes to conduct a survey on MUDRA Scheme for estimating employment generation.