

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5561
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02ND APRIL, 2018
AI IMPACT ON JOBS**

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

- (a) the details of unemployment rate in the country currently;**
- (b) whether there is a push for creation of employment in view of application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken any study to assess the number of jobs likely to be lost due to use of AI.; and**
- (d) if so, the details and the findings thereof along with the reaction of the Government in this regard?**

ANSWER

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

(a): As per the result from last available labour force survey on Employment-Unemployment conducted in 2015-16 by Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour and Employment, the estimated unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above on usual status basis in the country was 3.7% in 2015-16.

(b) to (d): The Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority concern of the Government and it has focused on making employment opportunities accessible to unemployed persons. According to National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), the skills profile is set to undergo a rapid change as demand for skills around digital technologies grows exponentially. It is believed that technology adoption will lead to more job creation across sectors in the long run. Government bodies like National Skill Development Council (NSDC) and the Sector Skills Council (SSC) address the present and the future requirements of identifying the unique job roles and the skills requirement for the same.

Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) is the flagship scheme of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE). The objective of this Skill Certification Scheme is to enable a large number of Indian youth to take up industry-relevant skill training that will help them in securing a better livelihood. Individuals with prior learning experience or skills will also be assessed and certified under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL).

In order to improve the employability of youth, around 22 ministries run skill development schemes across various sectors. The stakeholders covering industry, academia and Sector Skills Councils are working to ensure that the existing workforce is re-skilled/up-skilled in emerging technologies and job roles.
