

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6528**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06 APRIL, 2018

ECONOMIC POLICY FOR EMPLOYMENT GENERATION

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SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India needs such a economy which generates more employment;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the present economic structure require comprehensive changes to generate more employment;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the comprehensive changes decided to be affected in the present economic policy to generate more employment along with the other steps taken to improve the economy of the country?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) & (b) India has the advantage of demographic dividend wherein more than 60 percent of the population is in the productive working age group. Employment generation has been one of the key priorities of the Government. In order to improve the employability of youth, the Government is imparting short term skill training through Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) and long term training through Industrial Training Institutes. Model Skill Centres are being set up in every district of the country.

(c) & (d) Employment in India poses challenges in terms of its structure which is dominated by informal, unorganized and seasonal workers and is also characterized by high levels of under employment. In order to make the labour market dynamic and efficient, the Government has taken several measures. These include notification of 'Ease of Compliance to maintain Registers under various Labour Laws Rules, 2017', launching of Integrated Shram Suvidha Portal and National Career Service portal, and integration of twenty services with the eBiz portal.

(e) Government has been taking various measures to facilitate employment generation in the economy. These measures include encouraging labour intensive sectors like textiles and apparels, footwear and leather, 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 (MGNREGA), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and 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.

The Government has taken several initiatives to boost the growth of the economy which *inter-alia* include fillip to manufacturing, comprehensive reforms in the foreign direct investment policy, push to infrastructure development by giving infrastructure status to affordable housing and logistics sector and focus on highways development, launching of Bharatmala Pariyojana with coastal connectivity.

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