

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1147
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH DECEMBER, 2018

LABOUR MARKET

1147. SHRI D. K. SURESH:

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

- (a) whether the availability of detailed, reliable and comprehensive information on the labour market is critical to meet the employment challenge through well-targeted policies and programmes;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government is aware that there is a need to ensure such data available in the country to understand the ground realities of the labour market and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to take steps to provide the said information as a part of National Employment Policy; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The availability of detailed, reliable and comprehensive Labour Market Information/Employment Market Information is important for employment planning and promotion, to assess the manpower shortages in various industries and in various occupations, for career counseling and vocational guidance, to tap the gaps between the quality and quantity of required skills and available skills, to assess and utilize the employment potentials of various sectors of the economy, etc.

(c): Yes, Madam. Keeping in view the need and importance of such data in the country, the Government has taken various steps like (i) The nation-wide new employment and un-employment survey namely, Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) has been launched by NSSO from April, 2017 on continuous basis with the objective to measure quarterly changes of key labour force indicators (such as Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR), Worker Population Ratio (WPR) & Unemployment Rate (UR)) in urban areas as well as to generate the annual estimates of different labour force indicators both in rural and urban areas; (ii)The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has launched National Labour Market Information System (LMIS) with aim to serve a single window access point for all skill development related data in the country. The National LMIS maintains a robust repository of Training Providers, Training Centres, Assessors, Assessment Agencies, Trainers, and Certified Candidates;(iii) The employment linkage to LMIS is also facilitated on this Portal through the National Career Service (NCS) Portal, an initiative of the Ministry of Labour and Employment. The National Career Service (NCS) Project aims to provide a variety of employment related services like job matching, career counselling, vocational guidance, information on skill development courses, etc. ;

(d) & (e): The proposed National Employment Policy inter-alia purports to address macro-economic policy issues, sectoral policy issues, Labour policy, micro and small enterprises' issues, skill development issues, issues relating to women and vulnerable workers and incorporate suggestions for improving employment opportunities.
