

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3075
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST DECEMBER, 2018

MISMATCH BETWEEN DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF LABOUR

3075. SHRI SISIR KUMAR ADHIKARI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that unemployment rate has risen to 6.9 percent in the country this year up to October 2018 and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether it is also a fact that after demonetization, unemployment stood at 48 per cent during November, 2016 to November, 2018 period and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether it is also a fact that since 2014 there is a mismatch between demand and supply of labour and annually 12 million people have lost jobs during the last four years and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to create more jobs to meet the present demand of 29.5 million job seekers across the country?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): As per the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy Pvt Ltd. (CMIE), unemployment rate in October, 2018 was 6.9%. As per the result of labour force surveys on Employment-Unemployment conducted 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 in 2015-16 was 3.7%.

(c) & (d): Labour Bureau has been conducting Quarterly Employment Surveys in the selected labour-intensive and export-oriented sectors namely textiles including apparels, metals, gems & jewellery, automobiles, transport, IT/BPO, leather and handloom/powerloom.. The coverage of the Quarterly Employment Survey has been enhanced since 2016 with more industries/sectors. According to the survey results, estimated change in employment in all selected sectors is given at Annexure.

Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority of the Government. Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country like encouraging private sector of economy, 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 (MGNREGS), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and Deendyal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM).

Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY) has been launched by the Ministry of Labour and Employment for incentivising employers for promoting employment generation. Under this scheme, Government is paying entire employer's contribution (12% or as admissible) towards EPF and EPS for all eligible new employees for all sectors for 3 years.

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) has been initiated by Government for facilitating self-employment. Under PMMY collateral free loans uptoRs. 10 lakh, are extended to small/micro business enterprises and to individuals to enable them to setup or expand their business activities.

Government has implemented the National Career Service (NCS) Project which comprises a digital portal that provides a nation-wide online platform for the job seekers and employers for job-matching in a dynamic, efficient and responsive manner and has a repository of career content to job seekers.

Annexure referred to in reply to part (c & d) of Lok Sabha unstarred Question No. 3075 due for reply on 31-12-2018

Estimated Change in Employment in eight selected sectors (in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Industry/ Group	Jan, 2014 to Dec, 2014	Jan, 2015 to Dec, 2015	Industry/ Group	April, 2016 to Dec, 2016	Jan, 2017 to Sept, 2016
1	Textiles including Apparels	1.41	0.72	Manufacturing	0.95	1.04
2	Leather	-0.07	-0.08	Construction	-0.25	-0.1
3	Metals	0.74	0.37	Trade	0.26	0.5
4	Automobiles	0.25	-0.08	Transport	0.18	0.2
5	Gems & Jewellery	0.11	-0.19	Accommodation & Restaurant	-0.07	0.1
6	Transport	-0.11	-0.04	IT/ BPO	0.22	0.16
7	IT/BPO	1.93	0.76	Education	0.67	1.22
8	Handloom/ Powerloom	-0.05	-0.11	Health	0.35	0.73
	Total	4.21	1.35	Total	2.31	3.85

Source: Quarterly Employment Survey of Labour Bureau