

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3133
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST DECEMBER, 2018

IMPACT OF DEMONETISATION AND GST ON EMPLOYMENT

3133. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the impact of demonetisation and GST on the workers engaged in organized/ unorganized sector, agricultural and contractual labourers in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the extent to which the labour force has been affected due to NGT norms in the country;**
- (d) whether the Government has any policy to provide alternative employment to those labourers who were affected due to above reasons; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the other measures taken or being taken by the Government to provide employment to such labourers in the country?**

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b) : No, Madam. However, Labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour & Employment has been conducting Quarterly Quick Employment Surveys in eight sectors namely Manufacturing, Construction, Trade, Transport, Accommodation and Restaurant, IT/BPO, Education and Health. The change in employment in 8 selected sectors from July 2016 to October 2017 is given at Annex-I.

(c): The National Green Tribunal (NGT), while passing any order or decision or award, is guided by the principles of sustainable development, the precautionary principle and the polluter pays principle. In its directions the NGT seeks to promote economic development with environmental well-being to ensure that economic development is consistent with long term sustainable development.

(d) & (e): Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority of the Government. The Government is implementing various programs in this direction like 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 Deendayal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM).

Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Protshan Yojana (PMRPY) has been initiated by the Ministry of Labour & Employment in the year 2016-17 for incentivizing employers by paying their entire contribution of 12% (or as admissible) towards the EPS and EPF for all sectors w.e.f. 01.04.2018 to all eligible new employees and is applicable for all sectors for the three years. Till 17.12.2018 more than 94.58 lakh employees have been benefitted through 1.18 lakh establishments under this scheme.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3133 FOR 31-12-2018 REGARDING IMPACT OF DEMONETISATION AND GST ON EMPLOYMENT.

SECTOR-WISE CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT IN EIGHT SECTORS AS PER QUARTERLY QUICK EMPLOYMENT SURVEYS CONDUCTED BY LABOUR BUREAU.

(in lakhs)

S.No.	Sector	1st Jul 16 over 1st Apr'16	1st Oct 16 over 1st Jul'16	1st Jan'17 over 1st Oct'16	1st Apr'17 over 1st Jan'17	1st Jul'17 over 1st Apr'17	1st Oct.'17 over 1st July'17
1	Manufacturing	-0.12	0.24	0.83	1.02	-0.87	0.89
2	Construction	-0.23	-0.01	-0.01	0.02	0.10	-0.22
3	Trade	0.26	-0.07	0.07	0.29	0.07	0.14
4	Transport	0.17	0.00	0.01	0.03	-0.03	0.20
5	Accommodation & Restaurant	0.01	-0.08	0.00	0.03	0.05	0.02
6	IT/BPO	-0.16	0.26	0.12	0.13	0.02	0.01
7	Education	0.51	-0.02	0.18	0.02	0.99	0.21
8	Health	0.33	0.00	0.02	0.31	0.31	0.11
	Total	0.77	0.32	1.22	1.85	0.64	1.36

*Source:Labour Bureau