

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 698
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2022**

DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

**698. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:
SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI:
SHRI ADHIKARI DEEPAK (DEV):**

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

- (a) whether the ongoing development schemes in the country are creating additional employment opportunities and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the number of new jobs registered with the Government during the last three years and number of people jobless as per the record during the last three years;**
- (c) if so, the details of total unemployment in the country during the last five years;**
- (d) whether the Government has planned a National Urban Youth Employment Programme to promote employment opportunities in the urban areas, if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) the details of the data of unemployment in Urban areas for the year 2019-22; and**
- (f) whether the Government has taken initiatives at the urban local body level to promote employment opportunities and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI RAMESWAR TELI)**

(a) to (f): Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority of the Government. Accordingly, the Government of India has taken various steps to deal with problem of unemployment in recent times. The Government of India has announced Aatmanirbhar Bharat package to provide stimulus to business and to mitigate the adverse impact of Covid 19. Under this package, the Government is providing fiscal stimulus of more than Rupees Twenty Seven lakh crore. This package comprises of various long term schemes/ programmes/ policies for making the country self-reliant and to create employment opportunities.

The Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY) was launched with effect from 1st October, 2020 to incentivise employers for creation of new employment and restoration of loss of employment during Covid-19 pandemic. The terminal date for registration of beneficiaries was 31.03.2022. As on 28.11.2022 benefits have been provided to 60.13 lakh beneficiaries.

Budget 2021-22 launched Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes, with an outlay of Rs. 1.97 lakh crore, for a period of 5 years starting from 2021-22. The PLI Schemes being implemented by the Government have potential for creating 60 lakh new jobs.

PM GatiShakti is a transformative approach for economic growth and sustainable development. The approach is driven by seven engines, namely, Roads, Railways, Airports, Ports, Mass Transport, Waterways and Logistics Infrastructure. This approach is powered by Clean Energy and Sabka Prayas leading to huge job and entrepreneurial opportunities for all.

The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs is implementing a centrally sponsored scheme namely "Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)" to reduce poverty and vulnerability of urban poor households on a sustainable basis. Mission, inter-alia, aims to enabling urban poor to access gainful self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities through skill training in market oriented courses under the Employment through Skill Training & Placement (EST&P) component. Also, financial assistance is provided to individuals/ groups/ Self Help Groups (SHGS) of urban poor for setting up gainful self-employment ventures or microenterprises.

Number of skill trained candidates placed and beneficiaries assisted for setting up Individual/ Group micro enterprises under DAY-NULM during the last three years (i.e. 2019-20 to 2021-22) are 1,77,687 and 2,88,399 respectively.

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) is being implemented by the Government for facilitating self-employment. Under PMMY, collateral free loans upto Rs. 10 lakh, are extended to micro/small business enterprises and to individuals to enable them to setup or expand their business activities. As on 25.11.2022, 37.75 crore loans amounting to Rs. 21.02 lakh crore have been extended to all category of entrepreneurs in the country, since inception of the Scheme.

Government is implementing Prime Minister Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi Scheme) since June 01, 2020 to facilitate collateral free working capital loan to street vendors to restart their businesses, which were adversely impacted during the Covid-19 pandemic. As on 8th December, 2022, 43.66 lakh loans amounting to ₹4396.12 Crore have been disbursed to 37.95 lakh beneficiaries under the scheme.

The Government of India is encouraging various projects involving substantial investment and public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) etc. for employment generation.

Besides these initiatives, various flagship programmes of the Government such as Make in India, Start-up India, Stand-up India, Digital India, Smart City Mission, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation, Housing for All etc. are also oriented towards generating employment opportunities.

The official data source on Employment and Unemployment is Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) which is conducted by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) since 2017-18. The survey period is July to June of next year. As per the available Annual PLFS Reports, the estimated Worker Population Ratio (WPR) and Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above were as follows:

Year	WPR (%)	UR (%)
2017-18	46.8	6.0
2018-19	47.3	5.8
2019-20	50.9	4.8
2020-21	52.6	4.2

Source : PLFS, MoSPI

Further, the unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above on usual status for urban areas is 6.9% and 6.7% for the year 2019-20 and 2020-21, respectively.

As per the extent of information received from States/UTs, the number of vacancies notified in Employment Exchanges during last three years i.e. 2019 to 2021 was 17.84 lakh. Further, vacancies mobilised on National Career Service (NCS) Portal of Ministry of Labour & Employment during last three years i.e. 2019-20 to 2021-22 was 56.07 lakh.
