

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1616
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2023**

UNSKILLED LABOURERS

1616. DR. M.P. ABDUSSAMAD SAMADANI:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the situation of unskilled labourers becoming on account of the market getting sluggish, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has any program for additional financial assistance to this sector, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether the Government has planned any study to understand various dimensions of this situation and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The official data on Employment and Unemployment is collected through Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI). As per the latest available Annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) reports, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) on usual status for persons of age 15 years and above was 6.0%, 5.8%, 4.8% and 4.2% during 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21, respectively, which shows that unemployment in the country has a declining trend.

The employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority of the Government. Accordingly, the Government of India has taken various steps for generating employment in the country.

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The Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY) was launched with effect from 1st October, 2020 to incentivize employers for creation of new employment and restoration of loss of employment during Covid-19 pandemic. The terminal date for registration of the beneficiaries was 31.03.2022. Under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat 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. Since inception of the scheme, till 24.01.2023, benefits of Rs. 8474.55 crore have been provided to 60.26 lakhs beneficiaries under the scheme.

Government is also implementing Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbharNidhi (PM SVANidhi) to facilitate free working capital loan to street vendors to restart their business and Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) to facilitate self-employment to micro/small business enterprises and to individuals.

The Government of India is encouraging various projects involving substantial and 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 Deen Dayal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) etc. for employment generation.
