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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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RURAL EMPLOYMENT

1250. SHRI VINAYAK RAUT:
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SHRIMATI REKHA VERMA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to introduce any scheme to provide employment to the youths in rural areas near to their native place keeping in view the economic crisis, reverse migration and COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the probability of getting employment by the rural youth after implementation of the said scheme, State-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a) No. Sir
- (b) Not Applicable.
- (c): The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS), is a demand driven wage employment programme. A rural household, adult members of which agree to do unskilled manual work, is entitled for hundred days of wage employment. During the financial year 2020-21 (so far), more than 1.61 crore new job cards have been issued and a total number of 10.36 crore persons worked during the current FY 2020-21 (as on 06.02.2021) and more than 324 crore persondays of employment has been generated so far.

Rural Self Employment and Training Institute (RSETI) of this Ministry is a skill development programme which enables trainees to take bank credit and start his/her own micro enterprises. Under this programme a total number of 93874 candidates have been settled in the current financial year 2020-21 (as on 05.02.2021).

Deen Dayal Upadhyay-Grameen Kaushal Yojana (DDU-GKY), of this Ministry is a placement linked Skill development programme for wage employment. Under this programme a total number of 36933 candidates have been placed in jobs in the current financial year 2020-21 (as on 05.02.2021).

Government of India has launched Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA) of 125 days on 20th June, 2020, with a resource envelope of Rs.50,000 crore to boost employment and livelihood opportunities for returnee migrant workers and similarly affected citizens in rural area, in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic. The objectives of the Abhiyaan were to provide immediate employment & livelihood opportunities to the distressed, to saturate the villages with public infrastructure and creation of livelihood assets to boost the income generation activities and enhance long term livelihood opportunities by giving focus on 25 works in 116 selected districts across 6 States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. A total of 12 Ministries/Departments of Government of India has participated in the Abhiyaan. A total of 50.78 Crore Persondays employment has been generated during the Abhiyaan with an expenditure of Rs.39292.81 crore.

Government of India has launched Atmanirbhar Bharat Rojagar Yojna (ABRY) to incentivize employers for creation of new employment alongwith social security benefits and restoration of loss of employment, during COVID-19 pandemic. This scheme being implemented through the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) reduces the financial burden of the employers of various sectors/industries including MSME and will encourages them to hire more workers.
