

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4210
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND MARCH, 2021**

JOB CREATION AND FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

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

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any clear framework to increase job creation and financial opportunities and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the areas identified for job creation and creative financial opportunities and the time limit to implement the framework;**
- (c) the number of jobs created in the public sector/ private sector since 2014 till February, 2021, year-wise and the number of jobs created in the private sector, since 2014 till February, 2021, year-wise;**
- (d) the number of people laid-off from jobs in the public and private sector, since 2014 till February, 2021, year-wise;**
- (e) the number of people laid off from jobs in the public and private sector from March, 2020 to March 2021, sector-wise;**
- (f) the details of steps taken/ being taken by the Government to generate employment opportunities in the country under various schemes and the number of job opportunities created in the last three years; and**
- (g) whether the Government has taken adequate steps to generate more employment opportunities and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (g): Employment generation coupled with improving employability is the priority of the Government. Government is providing fiscal stimulus of more than rupees twenty seven lakh crore as part of the Aatmanirbhar financial Package. Aatmanirbhar Bharat package comprises of various long term schemes/ programmes/ policies for making the country self-reliant and to create employment opportunities.

Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India has taken a number of initiatives for promoting employment generation in the country. Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana (ABRY) Scheme has been introduced to incentivize creation of new employment along with 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 and encourages them to hire more workers. Under ABRY, Government of India is crediting for a period of two years both the employees' share (12% of wages) and employers share' (12% of wages) of contribution payable or only the employees' share, depending on employment strength of the EPFO registered establishments. As on 9th March, 2021, 16.49 lakh employees were registered for availing the benefits.

Under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY), Government of India has contributed both 12% employer's share and 12% employee's share under Employees Provident Fund (EPF), totaling 24% of the wage for the wage month from March to August, 2020 for the establishments having upto 100 employees with 90% of such employees earning less than Rs. 15000/-. Under the PMGKY scheme Rs 2567.66 crore was credited in EPF accounts of 38.82 lakhs eligible employees.

Government is implementing Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Protsahan Yojana (PMRPY) in the country since 2016 with the objective to incentivise employers for creation of new employment with social security benefits. Under the scheme, Government of India is paying Employer's full contribution i.e. 12% towards EPF and EPS both (as admissible from time to time) for a period of three years to the new employees through EPFO w.e.f. 01.04.2018. The terminal date for registration of beneficiary through establishment was 31st March 2019. The beneficiaries registered upto 31st March, 2019 will continue to receive the benefits for 3 years from the date of registration under the scheme. As on 3rd March, 2021, benefits have been provided to 1.21 crore beneficiaries through 1.52 lakh establishments.

Besides above, Government has taken various steps for generating employment in the country like encouraging 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) run by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, respectively. The details of these schemes are available on the website of concerned Ministry/ Department.

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) has been initiated by Government inter alia, 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 per the results of Annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation during 2017-18 and 2018-19, the estimated Worker Population Ratio on usual status (principal status+subsidiary status) basis for the persons age 15 years and above is 46.8% and 47.3% respectively.

The number of persons laid off in public and private sector in the Central Sphere is as under:

Year	Number of workers laid off	Sector
2014	Nil	Nil
2015	Nil	Nil
2016	Nil	Nil
2017	179	Mines
2018	27	Mines
2019	Nil	Nil
2020	Nil	Nil
2021(Till Feb.)	466	Textile
