

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2288
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02ND AUGUST, 2021
URBAN YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME

2288. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has planned for a National Urban Youth Employment Programme to promote employment opportunities in the urban areas;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of the data of unemployment in urban areas for the year 2019-20;**
- (d) whether the Government has taken initiatives at the urban local body level to promote employment opportunities; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): 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. The Mission, *inter-alia*, aims at 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 micro-enterprises.

As per the results of Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation during 2019-20, the estimated Unemployment Rate (UR) for urban areas on usual status for 15 years and above is 6.9%.

Prime Minister Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme was launched on June 01, 2020 to provide working capital loan to Street Vendors, vending in urban areas, to resume their businesses, which were hurt adversely due to COVID-19 induced lockdown.

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) is being implemented by the 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.

Aatmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY) has been launched w.e.f. 1st October, 2020 to incentivize employers for creation of new employment along with social security benefits and restoration of employment. This scheme being implemented through Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) seeks to reduce the financial burden of the employers and encourages them to hire more workers.
