

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2446
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH DECEMBER, 2021

SCHEMES FOR EMPLOYMENT GENERATION

2446. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:
SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is conducting timely review of the ongoing schemes for employment generation in the agriculture sector, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore;**
- (b) the corrective measures taken by the Government for the success of the said schemes;**
- (c) whether the Government has done any review with the help of experts to find out the demand of the labourers in the Country, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the details of the special programmes launched by the Government to enhance the income of labourers for their empowerment?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Government supports and facilitates development and progress of agriculture sector through various Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes. All the schemes are targeted for benefiting farmers and increasing their livelihood opportunities by promoting agro based employment.

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing a scheme “Establishment of Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centers (AC & ABC)” under ‘Sub Mission on Agriculture Extension’ to provide gainful self-employment opportunities to unemployed youth who possess qualification in agriculture and allied science.

Further, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is implementing a project namely, Attracting and Retaining Youth in Agriculture (ARYA) through Krishi Vigyan Kendras in 100 districts of the country since 2015-16. The objective of this project is to empower the youth in rural areas to set-up enterprises in agriculture and allied areas for gainful employment and sustainable income generation.

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) is a demand driven wage employment programme which provides for the enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work.

Recently, Government has launched All-India Quarterly Establishment Based Employment Survey (AQEES) in April, 2021. As per the result of the first round of Quarterly Employment Survey for the period April to June 2021, employment increased to 3.08 crore in the nine selected sectors of the economy against a total of 2.37 crores in these sectors taken collectively, as reported in the sixth Economic Census (2013-14) reflecting a growth rate of 29%. The most impressive growth of 152 percent has been recorded in the IT/BPO sector, while growth rates in Health is 77 percent, in Education it is 39 percent, in Manufacturing it is 22 percent, in Transport it is 68 percent and in Construction it is 42 percent.

To enhance the income of labourers for their empowerment, Government has taken various steps like encouraging private sector of economy, fast-tracking various projects involving substantial investment and increasing public expenditure on schemes like Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) and Deendyal Antodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), etc.

Further, Government has launched Prime Minister Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme in June, 2020 to provide working capital loans to Street Vendors, vending in urban areas, to resume their businesses, which were impacted adversely due to COVID-19.
