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RURAL UNEMPLOYMENT

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether rural unemployment rate is increasing since the pandemic, if so, details of monthly data since 2020;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to increase employment and skill development in rural areas; and
- (c) the steps that have been taken by Government to support the unemployed sectors of the rural background to meet their livelihood?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) As per the Annual Reports on Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) the estimate of Unemployment Rate (UR) by usual status for rural areas during July 2017 – June 2020 is given below:

Estimates of Unemployment Rate (UR) by usual status for rural areas in percentage	
Period	Unemployment Rate (UR)
July 2017 – June 2018	5.3
July 2018 – June 2019	5.0
July 2019 – June 2020	4.0

Source: Annual Reports, PLFS : 2019-20

(b) & (c) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS) is a demand driven wage employment programme which provide 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. It provides fall back options for livelihood for the rural households when no better employment opportunities are available.

Project 'UNNATI', launched in December 2019 by Government of India, is a skilling project that intends to upgrade the skill base of the Mahatma Gandhi NREGS workers, and thereby improve their livelihoods. A total of **11,604** candidates have been trained so far. Start-up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP), is a sub-scheme under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) programme to support the Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and their family members to set-up small enterprises in the non-farm sector. SVEP develops an eco-system for enterprise development in the rural areas which consists of Community Enterprise Fund (CEF) for enterprise financing, Cadre of Community Resource Persons-Enterprise Promotion (CRP-EP) for providing Business Support Services comprising of preparation of business plans, trainings, market linkages etc. and dedicated Block Resource Center (BRC) for providing all necessary information to entrepreneurs. As on 31st October, 2021, a total number of 232 project proposals and 158 Detailed Project Reports (DPR) have been approved covering 29 States and Union Territories. A total of 1.78 lakh enterprises have been formed and supported till October, 2021.

There are two skill development programmes for rural youth under DAY-NRLM, namely, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushal Yojana (DDU-GKY) and Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs). Both these programmes are aimed at increasing employability of rural youth either for wage or self-employment. In respect of DDU-GKY and RSETIs, the physical achievement (number of candidates trained and placed in jobs/ settled) during the last three financial years and the current financial year (up to November 2021) is given below:

Year	DDU-GKY		RSETIs	
	Trained	Placed	Trained	Settled
2018-19	2,41,509	1,37,251	403672	296307
2019-20	2,47,177	1,50,214	384025	281645
2020-21	38,289	49,563	255141	185234
2021-22	23,186	22,067	161690	97845

Construction of rural roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) provides local employment opportunities apart from providing transportation services, and serves as a vehicle of social and economic development.
