GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3973 TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2022

EMPLOYMENT IN MANUFACTURING

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

- (a)whether the Government is cognizant that employment in manufacturing is still quite low compared to the 41 million that this sector employed in 2019-20; and
- (b)if so, the corrective steps proposed to be taken by the Government to address this major issue?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): As per the Economic Survey 2021-22, employment (ps+ss) in Manufacturing Sector in India in 2018-19 was 6.12 crore which increased to 6.24 crore in 2019-20.

National Manufacturing Policy notified by Ministry of Commerce and Industry in 2011 identifies employment intensive industries like textiles and garments, leather and footwear, gems and jewellery and food processing etc. as special focus attention sectors. The policy provides special attention for small scale industries as they offer employment opportunities both for self-employment and jobs across diverse geographies.

Keeping in view India's vision of becoming 'Atmanirbhar' and to enhance India's Manufacturing Capabilities and Exports, an outlay of INR 1.97 lakh crore has been announced in Union Budget 2021-22 for Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes for 14 key sectors for a period of 5 years starting from fiscal year (FY) 2021- 22.

To boost domestic manufacturing, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade has taken a number of measures including setting up of world class infrastructure by developing nodes across various Industrial Corridors; formulation of National Master Plan on multimodal connectivity infrastructure; implementation of Industrial development schemes for North-East States, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir to boost industrialization in the industrially backward and hilly States; for start ups, setting up a Fund of Funds and Seed Fund to build up a strong ecosystem for nurturing innovation and entrepreneurship; Development of industrial information system for improving availability of industrial land and amendment in Public Procurement Rules to enhance local content.
